COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

to apply the Council Regulation (EEC)
establishing a European Regional
Development Fund to French overseas
departments

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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- 1. The question of applying the provisions of the European Regional Development Fund to French overseas departments was raised within the Council in the course of work on the proposal for a Regulation establishing this Fund presented by the Commission to the Council on 31 July 1975.
- 2. The French overseas departments are part of the Community. The provisions of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community pursuant to Article 227(2) are either applicable in their case on entry into force of the Treaty in the light of paragraph 2 (1) of that Article and the provisions therein listed or applicable following a decision of the Council acting by unanimity vote on a proposal from the Commission in cases where all other provisions of the Treaty abovementioned have to be applied. This is the case with the provisions adopted on regional policy pursuant to Article 235 of the E.E.C. Treaty.
- 3. Since the European Regional Development Fund is such as to promote the economic and social advancement of French overseas departments with regard to which the Community institutions have assumed a commitment pursuant to Article 227(2)(3), the Commission attaches to their communication a proposal for a Decision to apply the Foundative Equation (EEC) restablishing a Churchean Regional (Deve) opment! Fundator Francheauerseas departments valorated Francheauerseas

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and in particular Article 227 thereof,
Having regard to the proposal of the Commission,
Whereas, pursuant to Article 227 (2)(2), the conditions, under
which the provisions of the Treaty other than those listed in paragraph
2(1) of that Article are to apply to French overseas departments, shall
be determined by the Council and in particular the provisions governing
the European Regional Development Fund adopted pursuant to Article 235
of the Treaty,

Whereas the contributions of the European Regional Development Fund are such as to promote the economic and social advancement of those departments.

HAD DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1.

Regulation (EEC) No. of the Council of establishing a European Regional Development Fund and provisions adopted in application of this Regulation shall apply to the French overseas departments.

Article 2.

This Decision shall be published in the official Journal of the European Communities, section "Legislation $\overline{\underline{\bf l}}$ ".

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of Regulation (EEC) No. of the Council of establishing a European Regional Development Fund.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President