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This report has been established in application of Article 3 of the Council Decision of 18 March 1980 adopting a research and training programme (1980 to 1984) for the European Atomic Energy Community in the field of biology - health protection (Radiation Protection Programme)

REPORT ON THE 1980-1984 RADIATION PROTECTION PROGRAMME

On March 18, 1980, the Council adopted a research and training programme (1980-1984) for the European Atomic Energy Community in the field of biology-health protection (Radiation Protection Programme)*.

Article 3 of the decision reads as follows: "The Commission shall be responsible for the continuous supervision of the implementation of the programme in order to ensure that real coordination has been achieved and to decide whether developments in the situation or unforeseen research results necessitate changes to the programme. To this end it will report to the Council and the European Parliament at the end of the third year of the programme and will propose, where appropriate, any amendments necessary. These amendments may lead to a revision of the programme in the course of the fourth year in accordance with the appropriate procedures and after the Advisory Committee on Programme Management has been consulted."

The Commission, taking into consideration that

1. the research work executed in more than 200 contracts, the implementation and the management of the first 2.5 years of the 1980-1984 Radiation Protection Programme have been examined in detail together with the Advisory Committee on Programme Management "Biology-Health Protection" (ACPM) (see attached opinion of the ACPM);
2. recent achievements in the research contracts of the programme (more than 700 scientific publications in 1981) are annually discussed with the ACPM and future guidelines and reorientations are proposed when examining the planned research work of the contracts for each coming year, thus assuring adaptation of research to the developing requirements in radiation protection;
3. in the course of the examination of the scientific and technical objectives of Community research, recently carried out as part of the preparation of the Framework Programme for 1984-87, nothing has emerged which indicates a need for change in the objectives established for the Radiation Protection Programme 1980-84;

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4. the members of the ACPM exercise directly an influence on the execution of the Commission's Radiation Protection programme and, owing to their national status, indirectly on those of the Member States, which means a continuous information transfer among all bodies in the Community concerned with the field of radiation protection;
5. coordination of research work and cooperation in Europe are promoted by the periodical organization of meetings, seminars, etc. where contractors, independent high-level scientists and representatives of the main European and international organizations active in radiation research are brought together (about 35 meetings with more than 1000 participants have taken place in 1981);

states that the outcome of the programme is a relevant contribution to the worldwide effort to improve the scientific knowledge and practice in radiation protection, used for the formulation of scientific recommendations by ICRP* and the compilation and evaluation of the latest data in radiation protection by UNSCEAR**, thus presenting the background for establishing the Community "Basic Safety Standards for the Health Protection of the General Public and Workers Against Dangers of Ionizing Radiation";

states that an effective coordination and cooperation was achieved and

concludes that no changes or amendments of the programme are necessary.

* International Commission on Radiological Protection

** United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation

Opinion of the Advisory Committee on
Programme Management "Biology-Health Protection"

Having regard to the Council Decision of 18 March 1980 adopting a research and training programme (1980-1984) for the European Atomic Energy Community in the field of biology-health protection (Radiation Protection Programme)*, and in particular to Article 3 concerning amendments to it, the Advisory Committee on Programme Management (ACPM) at its meeting of 1 and 2 July 1982

- considers that the running Radiation Protection Programme has been carried out satisfactorily and in full agreement with the ACPM;
- considers that the research projects defined in the Annex of the programme approved by the Council should be continued and that, within the limits of the available resources, they adequately cover the field of research necessary for an objective evaluation of the effects and hazards of ionizing radiation with regard to man and his environment, and for improving measures to be taken for the protection of workers and the population;
- concludes unanimously that no changes be necessary to the running Radiation Protection Programme.

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