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AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION
ON SUPPORT FOR PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY
INTEREST IN TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

(submitted by the Commission to the Council
pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149
of the EEC Treaty)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On the 5th July 1976 the Commission submitted to the Council the proposal for a Council Regulation on support for projects of Community interest in transport infrastructure. The European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee gave their opinions on the 4th July 1977 (cf. O.J. C 183 of 1st August 1977) and 15th December 1976 (cf. O.J. C 56 of 7th March 1977) respectively. The Commission has made some of the amendments to its proposal which were requested.

The substantial growth in traffic of interest to the Community on some links between the Community and non-member countries and the fact that Greece will shortly join the Community pose the problem of the improvement of certain communication routes through non-member countries to meet the Community's needs. As financial difficulties may hinder these non-member countries in carrying out improvements, it seems advisable to be able to extend the scope of the financial support proposed for infrastructure in the Member States to infrastructure situated in non-member states.

Amendments under the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty to the proposal for a Council Regulation on support for projects of Community interest in transport infrastructure. (Doc. COM(76)336 final submitted to the Council on 5th July 1976)

- Recitals:
 - to be inserted between the first and second recitals:
 - "whereas it should be possible to extend such measures in certain circumstances to projects which are located on the territory of non-member States and which have a considerable importance for the Community in particular with regard to traffic between Member States."
 - the former second recital to be amended to read:
 - "... are not financed by individual States acting alone."
 - the former third recital to be amended to read:
 - "Whereas it is essentially the responsibility of the States concerned to finance..."

Article 1: unchanged

Article 1a(new) : "The Community, under the conditions laid down in the following Articles, may grant its financial support for the execution of transport infrastructure projects which are located on the territory of a non-member country and which have a considerable importance for the Community with regard to traffic between Member States."

Articles 2 and 3: unchanged

Article 4, first paragraph: - to be amended to read:
"The request for financial support shall be forwarded to the Commission by the State or States on whose territory the project is to be carried out."

Article 4, last paragraph: - to be amended to read:
"The Commission may ask the States concerned for any additional information which it may consider necessary for assessing the project."

Article 5: unchanged

Article 6: - the first sentence to be amended to read:
"The party or parties responsible for carrying out a project receiving Community financial support in accordance with Article 1 of this Regulation shall forward ..."

Article 6: - add a third paragraph:

"In the circumstances defined in Article 1 a the provisions in the first and second paragraphs of this Article shall be incorporated in an agreement between the Commission and the party or parties responsible for carrying out the project."

Articles 7 and 8: unchanged.