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Following the agreement which was reached at the Council session held in Luxembourg on 22 October 1979, the Commission has asked the Consultative Committee for Fusion (CCF) to examine the consultative and management structure of the Research and Training Programme for the European Atomic Energy Community in the field of Controlled Thermonuclear Fusion and Plasma Physics (Fusion Programme).

Following the meeting on 28 November 1979 the CCF has adopted the Opinion given in Annex.

The Commission invites the Council to approve :

- the principle of the creation of a new Committee called "The Consultative Committee of the Fusion Programme (CCFP)".
- the "Guidelines for establishing the terms of reference of the CCFP", given in Annex to the CCFP", given in Annex to the CCF Opinion.

The Commission, after approval by the Council of the principle and guidelines mentioned above, will submit to the latter a proposed resolution, drafted in consultation with the CCF following these guidelines, creating the CCFP and establishing its terms of reference.

Finally, the Commission will dissolve the Consultative Committee for Fusion, and take the measures necessary for the dissolution of the Liaison Group and the Committee of Directors.

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OPINION OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR FUSION ON THE
CONSULTATIVE AND MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES OF THE FUSION PROGRAMME

(Meeting of 28 November 1979)

The Community Programme in the field of Controlled Fusion and Plasma Physics has experienced certain changes during the last two years.

- To the activities carried out in the framework of the Associations has been added the large JET project executed as a Joint Undertaking with its proper structure. These two parts of the programme cannot progress independently of each other. It is becoming more and more evident that the success of JET can only be assured if the Associations give a rapidly increasing contribution to the preparation of its operational phase, in particular in the areas of plasma heating equipment and diagnostics.
- The general programme which, some years ago included many diverse activities, has since become more oriented towards the attainment of Fusion as an energy source. This evolution should be stimulated and accompanied by a greater selectivity in the use of the Community's resources.

It is necessary that some structures for orientation, coordination and control be adapted to these new characteristics of the programme and to the magnitude of the relative financial commitment.

The new structures must be defined taking account of the fact that, in comparison with other Community R & D programmes, the Fusion programme has specific characteristics :

- It includes all the activities of the member States, as well as certain third States, in this field.
- It aims, in the long term, at the attainment of a single common goal.
- It presents itself as a single body in its relations with other fusion programmes in the world.

The CCF proposes to adapt the structures as follows :

- Each association will continue to be managed by a Steering Committee and the JET Joint Undertaking will keep its present organization.
- Conversely, all the other existing Committees (Consultative Committee on Fusion, Liaison Group, Committee of Directors) should be dissolved and replaced by a single committee which should fulfil their tasks, among others those of an ACPM^(*). The CCF proposes calling the new Committee "The Consultative Committee of the Fusion Programme (CCFP)". The suggested guidelines for setting up the terms of reference of the CCFP are given in ANNEX. This streamlining of the consultative structure of the Fusion programme should guarantee a more efficient and direct management by the Commission and its Associates.

The CCF recommends to the Commission :

- to invite the Council to approve in principle the creation of a new Committee called "The Consultative Committee of the Fusion Programme (CCFP)".
- To invite the Council to approve the "Guidelines for establishing the terms of reference of the CCFP", given in Annex.
- To submit to the Council, after its approval of the principle and guidelines mentioned above, a proposed resolution, drafted in consultation with the CCF following these guidelines, creating the CCFP and establishing its terms of reference.
- Finally, to dissolve the Consultative Committee for Fusion, and to take the measures necessary for the dissolution of the Liaison Group and the Committee of Directors.

(*) see Council Resolution of 18 July 1977
(OJ N° C 192 of 11.8.77)

Guidelines for establishing the Terms of Reference of the CCFP

1. Tasks

Without prejudice to the Commission's responsibility in the implementation of the Fusion programme, the CCFP has the task of contributing, in its advisory capacity, to the best possible implementation of the programme, in particular :

- to watch over the ongoing activities
- to ensure that selectivity criteria are applied in the definition and management of the programme
- to ensure harmony between the activities of the Associations, the JRC and the JET Project
- to define priority actions with a view to the allocation of preferential support
- to evaluate the results obtained
- to collaborate in the preparation of programme proposals
- to ensure proper relations between the Community fusion programme and the other fusion programmes
- to exercise the rôle of ACPM concerning the fusion activities of the JRC (direct action)

2. Composition

The Committee shall consist of not more than :

- for the Commission, three members appointed by this institution from among its own officials,
- for each member State, or third State participating fully in the Fusion programme, three members appointed by the Government of that State. Each delegation will include, preferably, a member coming from a Government department and a member coming from the scientific or technical community,

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- for the JET Joint Undertaking, two members appointed by the JET Council.

3. Sub-Committees

- The CCFP will create a Scientific Council whose members are as independent as possible of hierarchical structures and will consult it on the evolution of the main orientation of the programme.
- The CCFP can create other sub-committees, in particular, to watch over the ongoing activities.
- The CCFP will keep the number of sub-committees, and the membership of such committees, to a minimum.

4. Procedures

- The CCFP gives opinions which shall be forwarded to the Commission, a copy being sent to the Council. Any member may request that his views be recorded in these opinions. The absence of any delegation shall not deprive the Committee meeting of its validity, and its ability to give an opinion.
- The voting procedure will be defined in the terms of reference of the CCFP.
- The Committee shall appoint its chairman from among its members, upon the proposal of the Commission's delegation.
- Secretariat services for the Committee shall be provided by a Commission official placed for this purpose at the disposal of the Committee under the authority of the chairman.