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INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared in response to Parliament's resolution of 16 September 1983 on the efficiency and cost to the Community budget of management, advisory and consultative committees. In this resolution Parliament called on the Commission to present a report which would
(a) establish that the rationalization procedure was under way and
(b) indicate how appropriations were managed during the period of 1983 when funds were blocked.
2. On 21 April 1983 the Commission had sent Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control information on committees and groups of experts assisting the Commission and some documentary annexes. The information had been assembled in response to the questionnaire (PE 82546/Ann. 1/rev.) produced by the Committee in connection with its report "on the cost to the EC budget and effectiveness of committees of a management, advisory and consultative nature."
3. In advance of Parliament adopting its 16 September resolution, the Commission had decided to review its Art. 250 and 251 committees and groups of experts and had created a Screening Group for that purpose drawn from the departments most concerned and chaired by the President's Office. This decision was prompted by the Commission's constant concern to rationalize the activities of committees and groups of experts and the efforts by Parliament in 1983 to persuade the Commission to improve management of the consultation function.
4. The Commission discussed the Screening Group's findings on 30 November 1983 and again on 1 February 1984 and adopted two series of measures:
 - measures to rationalize the existing structure of consultation, in particular by dissolving, merging or mothballing a number of committees and groups of experts whose activities were either no longer necessary or did not reflect Commission priorities;
 - measures to improve administrative and budgetary management of the system.
5. In accordance with Parliament's wishes, this report:
 - (a) describes the measures taken by the Commission to promote rationalization and improve management;
 - (b) indicates how appropriations were managed during the period of 1983 when funds were blocked.

RATIONALIZATION MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION

DISSOLUTIONS, MERGERS AND MOTHBALLING

6. Of a total of 603 committees and groups of experts, the Commission has dealt with 89 by dissolution or merger with other groups. It has mothballed a further 43 for 1984 (see Table 1). The number of active committees and groups of experts has therefore been reduced by 132 (89 plus 43), or 21.9% of the total.

7. These figures exclude major rationalization in the research sector. A proposal pending before the Council would lead to the dissolution of 36 committees and subcommittees mothballed last year. Adoption of this proposal would have a considerable impact on the utilization of Article 251 appropriations since one third of the cost of these committees is charged to that Article.

8. Annex I lists the committees and groups of experts which have been dissolved, merged or mothballed. As far as committees set up by Council decision are concerned, the Commission has sent a draft dissolution decision to the Council (Annex II COM(84) 53 final).

9. Although the proposed reduction in the number of committees and groups of experts is significant, savings will not necessarily be high. In some areas (for example, research, the internal market, industrial affairs, employment, social affairs, education, and statistics) it was possible to revise consultation structures. In others all that was necessary was to dissolve or mothball committees or groups of experts which were already defunct.

10. It can be difficult to predict consultation requirements a year in advance. This is why departments often prefer to retain the possibility of calling on committees and groups of experts and to make any savings required in the management of meetings. As can be seen from Table 2 (Meetings and experts convened), considerable results were achieved over

DG	COMMITTEES		PERMANENT GROUPS OF EXPERTS		COMMITTEES /GROUPS DISSOLVED/ MERGED	TEMPORARY GROUPS OF EXPERTS ACTIVE 1984
	ACTIVE 1984	DORMANT 1984	ACTIVE 1984	DORMANT 1984		
Secretariat-General	-	-	1	-	-	2
Legal Service	-	-	1	1	-	-
SOEC	3	-	42	21	2	-
CUS	14	-	6	-	-	-
DG I	14	-	12	-	-	2
DG II	2	-	3	-	1	-
DG III	27	4	50	-	31	26
DG IV	2	-	2	2	-	1
DG V	11	1	44	1	18	6
DG VI	57	-	46	6	-	-
DG VII	9	2	7	-	6	24
DG VIII	4	-	5	1	-	24
DG IX	-	-	1	-	-	5
DG X	-	-	-	-	-	-
DG XI	19	-	13	-	13	23
DG XII	8	-	1	-	-	3
DG XIII	3	-	2	-	2	3
DG XIV	5	-	11	-	-	1
DG XV	2	-	20	3	9	-
DG XVI	2	1	3	-	-	4
DG XVII	3	-	14	-	7	11
DG XIX	1	-	-	-	-	-
Security Office	-	-	-	-	-	1
Publications Office	-	-	1	-	-	-
	<u>186</u>	<u>8(*)</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>136</u>

* This figure excludes 36 dormant committees in the research sector whose dissolution is being considered by the Council. Approximately one third of the cost of meetings of these committees is charged to Article 251.

the last two years in terms of the number of experts reimbursed and the number of meeting-days. Table 3 (Expenditure on meetings) shows that the rate of increase in the cost of meetings was below the rate of inflation. Although the average cost per expert rose by 34% between 1981 and 1983,¹ overall Article 250 and Article 251 expenditure only went up by 2.2%.

11. Compared with savings already achieved in the management of meetings, the impact on the budget of steps to dissolve, merge and mothball committees and groups of experts will be limited (120 000 ECU plus associated savings, on meeting rooms, interpreters, technical staff, etc.). But the Commission considers that a process has been set in train and that the new review and authorization procedures it has introduced (see points 16 et seq.) - and the transparency these will bring - will gradually lead to further rationalization.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MANAGEMENT

12. The Commission feels that improved administrative and budgetary management must go hand-in-hand with the rationalization of consultation structures.

13. The measures adopted by the Commission relate to:

- annual approval of committees and groups of experts for the coming year (points 16 et seq.)
- the number of experts who can be reimbursed (points 19 et seq.)
- arrangements for reimbursement (points 24 et seq.)
- organization of meetings (points 28 et seq.)
- budget management (points 33 et seq.).

14. Parliament's resolution, and the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control on which it was based, was confined to Article 250 (Meetings in general) and Article 251 (Committee meetings). It did not touch on committees and groups of experts financed from other articles of the operating budget or from the research budget.

¹ Estimate based on the average increase in travel, subsistence and incidental expenses per expert.

TABLE 2

MEETINGS AND EXPERTS CONVENED

	1982	1983 *
TALKS (up to 5 persons)	725	571
MEETINGS (6 persons and over)	2 148	2 317
MEETINGS - DAYS	3 720	3 468
EXPERTS REIMBURSED	29 194	25 519
of which:		
. GOVERNMENT EXPERTS	17 233	15 665
. NON-GOVERNMENT EXPERTS	11 961	9 854
AVERAGE NUMBER OF EXPERTS PER MEETING	14	11

* Figures subject to revision.

TABLE 3

EXPENDITURE ON MEETINGS

(million ECU)

BUDGET ARTICLE	APPROPRIATION				OUTTURN		
	1981	1982	1983	1984	1981	1982	1983
250 Meetings in general	7.-	6.5	6.-	6.3	5.-	5.4	4.5 *
251 Committee meetings	4.2	5.-	4.8		4.3	5.4	5.0 *
2510 Expenditure on meetings of committees whose consultation is compulsory in the procedure for drafting Community legislation				2.5 ^o			
2511 Expenditure on meetings of committees whose consultation is not compulsory in the procedure for drafting Community legislation				3.8 ^o			
	11.2	11.5	10.8	12.6	9.3	10.8	9.5

* Estimate.

o Budget breakdown.

15. The Commission has decided, however, that for administrative and budgetary management to be truly effective, the new management measures should apply to all meetings irrespective of the budget or budget heading to which expenses are charged.

Authorization procedures

16. Until 1983 the normal practice was for each Member of the Commission to authorize, at the end of one year, the meetings of experts required by the departments reporting to him for the following year.

17. The Commission has now decided to introduce a new procedure whereby the activities of committees and groups of experts will be reviewed at the end of each year by the full Commission to enable it to:

- . mothball committees and groups of experts whose activities no longer reflect Commission priorities and undertake any dissolutions or mergers required;
- . approve the list of committees and groups of experts which would be active the following year (this was done for 1984 in January).

If this review is to be effective it must be backed by a detailed analysis, based on surveys of the activities of selected committees and groups of experts.

18. An ad hoc authorization procedure has also been introduced on a trial basis for meetings not included in the annual forecast; in future these will have to be authorized by the President of the Commission.

Attendance

Reimbursement of expenses to government experts

19. In April 1983 the Commission decided to limit reimbursement to two government experts per Member State per meeting, except in the case of joint meetings or meetings of committees where the rules of those committees provide for more than two members. In practice it even proved possible to limit reimbursement to one expert per Member State in certain cases.

20. The Commission has decided to retain the measures introduced in 1983. It did consider the possibility of making existing rules even more rigorous by dropping the two exceptions mentioned above but came to the conclusion that, given the modest savings which would result, it would be preferable to leave the rules as they are and retain a measure of flexibility.

Reimbursement of expenses to non-government experts

21. Committees and groups of experts composed of non-government experts (who are consulted because of their specific qualifications or the industries, professions, or trade unions they represent) were not affected by the rule limiting reimbursement of expenses to two experts per Member State since the members of these committees and groups are not necessarily appointed on a national basis.

22. The Commission has therefore decided that, in principle, a reimbursement of expenses to non-government experts should be limited to a total of 20 experts per meeting. Criteria for granting exemptions (for example, for tripartite or inter-professional consultative committees) will be defined.

23. If attendance by non-government experts were reduced in this way, there would be a 5% saving on Article 250 and a 20% saving on Article 251, making approximately 600 000 ECU in all.

Reimbursement

Reimbursement of reduced-fare travel expenses

24. Wherever possible the Commission takes advantage of reduced fares (APEX etc.) for its staff travelling on mission. This is not true of national civil servants attending meetings organized by the Commission.

25. The Commission will suggest to the Member States that they make an effort to secure favourable rates from airlines and railway companies (collective season tickets, APEX rates and so forth). If this were done, the Commission could reimburse travel expenses on the basis of the reduced fare. If it is not done, the Commission will investigate the possibility of a centralized system of prepaid tickets or centralized ticketing by a travel agency represented in all Member States.

26. Assuming that these moves led to a reduction of 20% on official fares, a saving of 1.5 million ECU could be made.

Payment to ministries of government experts' expenses

27. At present expenses incurred by national experts are paid either to ministries (in the majority of cases) or to the experts direct. To simplify administration and improve monitoring of reimbursement the Commission will endeavour to make payment to ministries the general rule.

Internal Organization

Improved organization of meetings

28. A number of procedures apply to the organization of meetings. They are designed to ensure sound management of the budget allocation and to alert departments responsible for technical support and management of appropriations.

29. The Commission has reminded departments not only of existing internal procedures but also of the principles of sound management which would ensure optimal organization of the preparatory phase, the conduct of meetings and action on any conclusions reached (for example, the need for a fixed agenda; the use of preliminary contacts to define national positions and establish a measure of agreement on items on the agenda; timely despatch of meeting documents in the necessary languages; transmission of a set of

meeting documents to the Joint Interpreting and Conference Service; the importance of confirming that a conference room is available so that experts do not arrive for cancelled meetings; the importance of despatching convening notices well in advance to avoid absences and stand-ins, etc.).

Computerization, planning and transparency

30. Computerization of the payment and management of Article 250 and Article 251 appropriations is in progress. There is also a special computer programme (SAPHIR) covering the availability of interpreters and conference rooms.

31. A data base containing basic information on the organization and management of meetings (for example, title of committee or group, number of experts, rate of utilization of appropriations and budget allocation) is essential if the management of appropriations is to be improved (see points 33 et seq.). The Commission plans to create such a base, using SAPHIR as a starting point if possible.

Restrictions on meetings held outside the provisional centres

32. The Commission already applies very strict criteria - the President's approval is required - to the authorization of meetings of experts outside the provisional centres. It has now decided to extend these criteria to all committees and groups of experts.

Management of Appropriations

Monitoring and control of the utilization of appropriations

33. Each Directorate-General is given an allocation from the appropriations entered in Article 250 and Article 251 of the budget to finance meetings of its committees and groups of experts. Article 250 and Article 251 are subject to provisional commitment, which means that authorizing officers are required to check during the course of the financial year that individual commitments actually made for meetings convened do not exceed these provisional commitments (Article 23 of the detailed rules for implementation of the Financial Regulation).

34. A number of steps had been taken under this mechanism in the past to make it easier to monitor appropriations. The Commission has now given the go-ahead for the compilation by computer of a quarterly schedule of meetings of committees and groups of experts authorized by the Commission at the beginning of the year. This will make it possible to keep a close watch on the utilization of appropriations by Directorate-General and pinpoint any "unscheduled" meetings. The schedule will be brought to the notice of all the departments concerned, thus facilitating effective monitoring of the management of appropriations earmarked for meetings.

Breakdown of appropriations within Article 251

35. For 1984 the budgetary authority subdivided Article 251 into two items (2510 and 2511) to differentiate between Community legislation on which consultation is formally required and Community legislation on which consultation takes place but is not compulsory. This subdivision should make for greater transparency and improved monitoring of implementation of the budget. The Commission will take steps to apply the new nomenclature as soon as possible.

Consequences of improved management of Article 250 and Article 251 for other budget lines

36. The Commission considers that improved management of Article 250 and Article 251 - reduction in the number of meetings, fewer experts attending and better annual and quarterly planning - should have a positive effect on the management of other budget headings, and in particular associated expenses such as meeting rooms, interpreters, etc.

MANAGEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS IN 1983

37. Tables 6 and 7 show allocations and commitments for Article 250 and Article 251 in 1983 by Directorate-General and department.

38. The following appropriations were entered in the 1983 budget:

Article 250	Article 251	Total
4 470 000 ECU	3 300 000 ECU	7 770 000 ECU

The following appropriations were entered in Chapter 100:

Article 250	Article 251	Total in Chapter 100
2 000 000 ECU	2 000 000 ECU	4 000 000 ECU

Following release of all appropriations and transfers to other lines the total available was:

Article 250	Article 251	Total
6 000 000 ECU	5 400 000 ECU	11 400 000 ECU

39. The authorizing departments' allocations were designed to ensure that committees could meet and essential consultations could take place in line with the Commission's priorities. To provide against any appropriations not being released, a reserve of 2 613 600 in Article 250 and 1 754 000 ECU in Article 251 (a total of 4 367 600 ECU) was created at the beginning of the year.

DIRECTORATES-GENERAL AND DEPARTMENTS	1983 Allocations*	1983 Commitments*
External Relations	87.100	82.100
Economic and Financial Affairs	58.100	41.100
Internal Market and Industrial Affairs	790.000	700.000
Competition	52.000	52.000
Employment, Soc. Affairs & Education	823.600	711.940
Agriculture	807.000	700.300
Transport	213.300	118.500
Development	120.552	120.536
Personnel and Administration	157.000	152.554
Information	-	-
Environment, Consumer Protection and Nuclear Safety	270.100	270.100
Science, Research and Development	183.200	91.000
Information Market and Innovation	119.400	119.400
Fisheries	121.000	111.000
Financial Institutions & Taxation	199.500	189.500
Regional Policy	111.700	111.700
Energy	164.000	164.000
Credit and Investments	3.300	1.265
Budgets	3.900	400
Financial Control	4.300	700
Secretariat-General - Social Partners Office	118.100	118.100
Secretariat-General	18.900	18.900
Legal Service	38.500	38.500
Spokesman's Group		
Statistical Office	330.200	255.000
Coordination of Financial Instruments		
Security Office	8.500	4.200
Members' Offices	22.900	22.900
Joint Interpreting & Conf. Service	4.500	3.300
Teaching and Education Groups		
Secretariat of the ECSC Cons. Comm.		
Customs Union Service	301.200	291.200
Members of the Commission		
Missions to Greece		
Subtotal	5.131.852	4 490 195
Reserve	858.148	-
Total	6.000.000	4 490 195

*Position at 31 December 1983.

ARTICLE 251 - COMMITTEE MEETINGS

DIRECTORATES-GENERAL AND DEPARTMENTS	1983 Allocations*	1983 Commitments*
External Relations	200.000	190.000
Economic and Financial Affairs	277.600	277.600
Internal Market and Industrial Affairs	376.000	330.000
Competition	41.200	41.200
Employment, Soc. Affairs & Education	307.700	307.494
Agriculture	2.393.700	2.293.700
Transport	61.900	45.900
Development	174.300	173.000
Personnel and Administration	-	-
Information	-	-
Environment, Consumer Protection and Nuclear Safety	151.700	151.700
Science, Research and Development	167.100	125.000
Information Market and Innovation	300.000	300.000
Fisheries	119.300	119.300
Financial Institutions and Taxation	20.500	20.500
Regional Policy	78.700	78.700
Energy	60.000	60.000
Credit and Investments	-	-
Budgets	21.700	18.700
Financial Control	-	-
Secretariat-General - Social Partners Office	-	-
Secretariat-General	-	-
Legal Service	-	-
Spokesman's Group	-	-
Statistical Office	73.300	65.000
Coordination of Financial Instruments	-	-
Security Office	-	-
Members' Offices	-	-
Joint Interpreting & Conf. Service	-	-
Teaching and Education Groups	-	-
Secretariat of the ECSC Cons. Comm.	-	-
Customs Union Service	435.500	425.500
Members of the Commission	-	-
Missions to Greece	-	-
Subtotal	5.263.200	5.023.294
Reserve	139.800	-
TOTAL	5.403.000	5.023.294

*Position at 31 December 1983.

40. At end June the restricted allocations were:

Article 250	Article 251	Total
3 243 600 ECU	2 863 500 ECU	6 107 100 ECU
Reserve 1 166 400 ECU	Reserve 436 500 ECU	1 602 900 ECU

41. Following partial release of appropriations by Parliament on 24 June allocations were increased:

Article 250	Article 251	Total
4 988 300 ECU	4 891 700 ECU	9 880 000 ECU
Reserve 631 700 ECU	Reserve 8 300 ECU	640 000 ECU

42. Following Parliament's agreement during their discussion of supplementary and amending budget No 2/83, allocations were increased to 11 400 000 ECU. The amount committed by the end of the year was:

Article 250	Article 251
4 490 195 ECU	5 023 294 ECU

Unused appropriations totalled 1 886 511 ECU (including 1 509 805 ECU in Article 250 and 376 706 ECU in Article 251).

43. The precautions taken to deal with the special situation of these two budget headings in 1983 meant that fewer meetings were held during the first nine months of the year, although all essential meetings did take place. Rigorous monitoring of appropriations, combined with the first restrictions imposed by the Commission in 1983, kept expenditure at 75% of the appropriations in Article 250 and 93% of the appropriations in Article 251.

44. Analysis of the management of Article 250 and Article 251 appropriations in 1983 shows that the Commission achieved considerable savings. Parliament's decision to block funds was undoubtedly a contributory factor. But, as Table 3 shows, some effort towards savings in this area had started as early as 1981. The management of appropriations in 1983 provided vital practical experience and a sound basis for the rationalization and management measures discussed in the first part of this report.

COMMITTEES AND EXPERT GROUPS DISSOLVED/MERGED/MOTHBALLEDDISSOLVEDSTATISTICAL OFFICE

Comité statistique du commerce intérieur

Groupe "Transmission sur bandes magnétiques"

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Groupe d'études des perspectives à moyen terme

INTERNAL MARKET AND INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS

Eurccode 2

Eurocode 3

Industrie du bois

Industrie du papier

EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND EDUCATION

Groupe liaison pour l'égalité des femmes

Groupe experts F.P. des femmes

Correspondants sécurité sociale

Opérateurs sociaux

Handicapés : réhabilitation internationale.

TRANSPORT

Comité de l'aménagement des systèmes nationaux
des taxes sur les véhicules utilitaires

Groupes de travail "renforcement gestion commerciale
chemins de fer"

Groupes de travail "entraves aux passages frontaliers"

ENVIRONMENT, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Normes de qualité de l'air (dioxyde d'azote)

National experts on railway noise

Récupération des pneus usés

Récupération des métaux non-ferreux

Contrôle des produits cosmétiques

Groupes d'experts économiques

Produits ménagers

Etiquetage des denrées alimentaires

INFORMATION MARKET AND INNOVATION

EUSI REF

THERMOATA

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND TAXATION

Groupe comptes annuels des succursales

Assurances démarchage

Impôts indirects frappant les mouvements des capitaux

Questions fiscales internationales

Problèmes relatifs à l'application des Art. 95 à 97
du Traité CEE en matière de T.C.A.

ENERGY

Table ronde avec des producteurs d'électricité
et industriels de combustible

Réunions pour la promotion d'énergies nouvelles

Groupe de travail "Coal utilisation research development
and demonstration"

Experts géologues pour l'analyse de l'existence de gaz
en profondeur

Table ronde "simulateurs"

MERGEDINTERNAL MARKET AND INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS

Matériaux de construction regroupant :

- résistance au feu
- portes pleines
- problèmes divers
- constructions en bois

Protection contre l'incendie des bâtiments regroupant :

- coopération CEE/AE
- meubles rembourrés - inflammabilité
- symposium '84

Matériels et phénomènes électriques regroupant :

- matériels utilisables en atmosphère explosible
- adaptation au progrès technique - directives 76/889 et 890
- adaptation au progrès technique - directive 79/196
- application de la directive "basse tension" -
directive 72/23

Commerce et distribution regroupant :

- experts gouvernementaux
- nouveaux média et commerce
- avenir du commerce de gros

Construction navale regroupant :

- comité de liaison (industrie)
- CAAGE (armateurs)
- représentants armateurs et industriels

Législation des denrées alimentaires regroupant :

- additifs
- aliments surgelés
- aliments diététiques
- arômes
- cacaco et chocolat
- coordination Codex alimentaires
- étiquetage
- laits de conserves - nitrates produits laitiers
- matériaux et objets en contact avec denrées alimentaires
- méthodes d'analyse
- margarine
- sucres
- groupe réduction
- coordination avec les Etats membres
règlementation aliments
- meat research collaboration
- viande

EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND EDUCATIONServices publics et santé regroupant :

- Nouvelles technologies
- Nouvelles technologies dans le secteur de l'énergie
- Service public et santé

Industries transformatrices des métaux regroupant :

- Problèmes sociaux des nouvelles technologies de la métallurgie
- Problèmes sociaux politique industrielle et métallurgie
- Aménagement des heures de travail
- Négociations collectives

Groupe industries alimentaires regroupant :

- Brasseries
- Tabac
- Sucre
- Transformation poissons
- Transformation viandes

Groupe handicapés regroupant :

- Liaison
- Information

Groupe problèmes sociaux construction regroupant :

- Secteur aérospatial
- Machines-outils
- Automobiles
- Construction navale

TRANSPORTNavigation intérieure regroupant :

- Trafic fluvial - Nord-Sud
 - chargeurs (UNICE)
 - organisation du marché

Recherche et développement (tout mode de transport) regroupant :

- Recherche transports
- Recherche transports maritimes
- Recherche transports aériens

ENVIRONMENT, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Groupe de travail des produits cosmétiques regroupant :

- Rédaction pour les méthodes d'analyse des produits cosmétiques
- Méthodes d'analyse des produits cosmétiques

Réseau d'écoles pilotes regroupant :

- Education environnementale
- Education des consommateurs

Application 6ème modification de la directive de 1967 sur les substances dangereuses regroupant :

- Autorités compétentes
- Classification et étiquetage des substances dangereuses (y compris TSCA)
- Inventaire des substances chimiques (EINECS)

Experts des substances de la liste I et de la liste II de la directive 76/464 CEE regroupant :

- Experts de la liste I
- Experts de la liste II

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND TAXATION

Assurances - droit de contrôle regroupant :

- Assurance - dommages / droit de contrôle
- Assurance - Vie / droit de contrôle

Harmonisation des taxes sur le chiffre d'affaire regroupant :

- Etudes des conséquences économiques budgétaires et sociales découlant de l'harmonisation de taux de TVA

Harmonisation des schémas comptables des banques regroupant :

- Banques "returns"
- Comptes consolidés des banques

Transactions sur valeurs immobilières regroupant :

- Accès à l'activité d'agent de change
- Informations sur les valeurs mobilières

ENERGY

Règlement charbon à cake pour la sidérurgie de la Communauté,
pour les questions de prix du marché charbonnier, les
importations de charbon absorbant :

- Importations de charbon

Groupe permanent de consultation CEE/UNIPED et CEE/FIPACE
regroupant :

- Consultation CEE/UNIPED
- Consultation CEE/FIPACE

MOTHBALLEDLEGAL SERVICE

Parlement européen : procédure électorale uniforme

STATISTICAL OFFICE

Sous-groupe statistiques des travailleurs
étrangers

Groupe de travail indicateurs sociaux

Groupe de travail ad hoc statistiques des
produits végétaux (enquêtes et viticoles)

Groupe de travail bilans Vin, Graisses et
huiles

Groupe statistiques des transports dérivées
du commerce extérieur

Groupe "conteneur et transport combinés"

ANNEXE I

Groupe de coordination "révision des questionnaires"

Prix de l'énergie

Eurostat/Nations Unies sur l'harmonisation des nomenclatures au niveau mondial

Comité statistique de transports

Groupe de travail statistique de transports par route

Groupe de travail statistique de transports par navigation intérieure

Groupe de travail statistique de transports par chemin de fer

Groupe de travail statistique de transports de la navigation aérienne

Programme de comparaison internationale de prix

National household survey capability programme

Comité des statistiques de l'énergie

Groupe de travail tableaux entrée-sortie de l'énergie

Sous-groupe "production acier brut"

Sous-groupe négociants de produits sidérurgiques

Sous-groupe statistique harmonisée de l'emploi salarié

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the draft decision submitted by the Commission,

Whereas at its meeting on 26 and 27 January 1970 the Council set up a Committee of government experts on the adjustment of national taxation systems for certain commercial vehicles; whereas the Committee has virtually completed its task and should therefore be dissolved;

Whereas at its meeting on 3 December 1971 the Council set up a Committee of government experts on charging for the use of transport infrastructure; whereas in 1981 the Commission withdrew its proposal for a Council Decision on the introduction of a common system of charging for the use of transport infrastructure,¹ and this Committee should therefore be dissolved;

Whereas the work to be carried out with regard to charging for the use of transport infrastructure, as defined in the Commission's communication to the Council of 11 February 1983 entitled "Progress towards a common transport policy - Inland transport",² comes into the same category as the work being carried out by the Committee set up by Article 5 of Council Decision 65/270/EEC³ the terms of reference of which were extended by Article 9(2) of Council Regulation No 1108/70,⁴ whereas it is therefore appropriate that this Committee should also be entrusted with the work concerning infrastructure charging, including, where appropriate, matters concerning the adjustment of national taxation systems for certain commercial vehicles,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

¹ OJ No C 62, 22.6.1971, p. 15.

² OJ No C 154, 13.6.1983, p. 1.

³ OJ No 88, 24.5.1965, p. 1473/65.

⁴ OJ No L 130, 15.6.1970, p. 4.

Article 1

The Committee of government experts on the adjustment of national taxation systems for certain commercial vehicles, set up by the Council at its meeting on 26 and 27 January 1970, and the Committee of government experts on the coordination of studies to be carried out by the Member States in connection with the proposal for a Council Decision on the introduction of a common system of charging for the use of transport infrastructure, set up by the Council at its meeting on 3 December 1971, are hereby dissolved.

Article 2

The Committee of government experts set up by Decision 65/270/EEC, the terms of reference of which were extended by Article 9(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1108/70, which is responsible for assisting the Commission in its work concerning an accounting system for expenditure on infrastructure in respect of transport by rail, road and inland waterway, will also assist the Commission in its work in connection with infrastructure charging, including matters concerning commercial vehicle taxation. The Committee shall be renamed the "Committee of governments experts on charging for the use of transport infrastructure".

Done at,

For the Council,

The President