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The Agreement between Euratom and the OECD on the setting-up at the JRC - Ispra Establishment - of the Computer Programme Library of the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA), signed on 17 June 1964, has already been extended several times, the last extension covering the period 1973-76. The Agreement is thus due to expire on 31 December 1976.

In return for a very modest contribution in kind (200 m<sup>2</sup> of office space made available free of charge to the NEA) and for no financial consideration, the Commission has the use of the Library's services. It also makes available to the Library -for a certain number of machine-hours and at a reasonable charge- a computer of a type and capacity comparable to those of the IBM 360/365.

The Steering Committee for Nuclear Energy of the NEA was not able, at its meeting in Paris on 14 October 1976, to take a decision on the proposal from the Secretariat to merge the Computer Programme Library (CPL) and the Neutron Data Compilation Centre (NDCC). The main consequence of such a merger would be the transfer of the Ispra Library to Saclay. The Committee notes that the outline budget proposals for 1977, which were based on the alternative assumptions of (a) continued separation of the activities of the CPL and the NDCC and (b) a merger between them, set aside amounts which are broadly comparable. It has been decided at this stage to present budget proposals based on the assumption of continued separation of CPL and NDCC activities, on the understanding that a final decision will be taken regarding the merger of the two centres in 1977 at the next meeting, scheduled from 28 April 1977.

Under these conditions, the Commission feels that it is in the interests of both parties to extend the Agreement for a period corresponding to that of the original Agreement, i.e., three years, but to couple with this extension a clause providing for termination of the Agreement subject to three months' notice.

The Council is requested to approve the extension of the Agreement up to the end of 1979 with a clause providing for termination of the Agreement subject to three months' notice.