

FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF EURATOM

Meeting in Brussels on December 20th 1968. The Council of Ministers of the European Community adopted the following Resolution ;

1. THE COUNCIL

- hereby adopts a research and training programma consisting of a joint programma and of supplementary programmes for a period of one year from 1 January 1969;
- will establish, before 1 July 1969, further research and training programmes covering a period of several years;
- will examine, before 1 July 1969, the criteria and the principles necessary to obtain a co-ordinated industrial policy in the nuclear field; \*
- will, in the spirit of the Resolution of 31 October 1967, supplemented by the Resolution of 10 december 1968 on technological co-operation, and in the spirit of the Resolution of 8 December 1967 on the future activities of Euratom, decide on further activities capable of being undertaken in the Joint Research Centre, and will adopt the procedures for putting them into operation.

2. THE COUNCIL confirms that the employment of present Community staff on the supplementary programmes will not affect the Community's legal obligations in respect of such staff.

3. In the budget covering the 1969 programmes, the credits for expenditure for the second half of 1969 will be temporarily frozen while awaiting the result of the studies defined by the Council under item 1 above.

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The joint programme, with accounts for a total of 24.03 million u.a., covers the following activities :

fast reactors (indirect action); heavy water reactors (ESSOR); high temperature gas reactors (indirect action); plutonium and transplutonium; fusion - physics of plasmas; biology - protection of health; nuclear measurements and standards; industrial applications (EURISOTOP office); dissemination of information; education and training; co-ordinating activities.

The supplementary programmes, accounting for a total of 24.20 million u.a., will be as follows :

fast reactors (ISPRA direct action); heavy water reactors (multi-purpose research, under light water and heavy water strings); high temperature gas reactors (direct action); technological problems (a) plant safety, b) determination of fissile material content); plutonium and transplutonium reactor physics; condensed state physics; nuclear materials; direct conversion of energy; biology - protection of health (application to medicine, biology and agriculture); information processing - CETIS; BR-2

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\* In this context it will be recalled that in October 1968 the Commission published a survey of the Community's nuclear policy and it is this document which will form the basis of the discussions to be held with the member countries.

