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COUNCIL DECISION

reallocating the unexpended balance of the resources set aside
under the Fifth EDF for the stabilization of the export
earnings of the overseas countries and territories

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Amount of the Stabex/OCT allocation under the fifth EDF

Under Article 28 of Council Decision 80/1186/EEC of 16 December 1980 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community,¹ the Stabex/OCT allocation under the fifth EDF was 9 million ECU.

There was an additional amount of 4 587 977 ECU; this was equivalent to 50% of the unexpended balance from the Stabex/OCT allocation under the fourth EDF and was carried over, under Article 1 of the Council Decision of 15 December 1980,² to form part of the fifth EDF Stabex/OCT allocation.

This allocation therefore amounted to 13 587 997 ECU at the beginning of the operations.

2. Sums used and unexpended balance

The sum of the transfer made in respect of the five application years covered by the fifth EDF Stabex/OCT is 9 845 053 ECU.

There were six transfers, as follows:

- (i) to St Vincent (1 transfer, 913 286 ECU)
- (ii) to Vanuatu (5 transfers, 8 931 767 ECU).

Although these two beneficiaries had already become independent when the six transfers were paid, they remained covered by the OCT allocation during the period of the fifth EDF. Account being taken of these six transfers, the unexpended balance from the fifth EDF Stabex/OCT allocation is therefore 3 742 944 ECU.

3. Allocation of the unexpended balance

As described under point 2, the unexpended balance from the fifth EDF Stabex/OCT is 3 742 944 ECU.

- (a) Since this allocation was made by the Council to the OCT (Decision 80/679 of 15 December 1980 and Decision 80/1186 of 16 December 1980, Articles 28 and 83(1)(b)), it is proposed that it should remain allocated to the OCT; this was indeed the formula proposed and adopted five years ago in the case of the Stabex/OCT unexpended balance under the fourth EDF.

¹OJ No L 361, 31.12.1980, p. 1.

²Not published, see Council docs 11431/80 and 11418/80 of 16 December 1980.

- (b) Experience has shown that it is not necessary to carry this balance over to the Stabex/OCT allocation for the following period; the funds proposed by the Commission under the sixth EDF (document COM(85)193 final of 17 July 1985) are sufficient in themselves and were agreed by the Member States' representatives during the discussions held in the Council working parties in the second half of 1985.

It is therefore proposed that the balance be assigned to projects and programmes for the OCT; this allocation would therefore be added to the sums still under discussion in the Council in respect of the future projects and programmes to be financed under the sixth EDF.

- (c) In 1980, the various allocations for projects and programmes under the fifth EDF had been divided equally among the three OCT groups coming under the responsibility of the three Member States concerned (this is no longer the case in the Commission proposal concerning the sixth EDF, since a large number of United Kingdom OCT have become independent.

Since the unexpended balance comes from resources divided up in this way in 1980, it is reasonable that it too should be divided into three equal shares; this means that each of the three groups of OCT will receive the sum of 1 247 648 ECU.¹

¹On the basis of the allocation proposal presented to the Council by the Commission (COM(85)193 final of 17 July 1985), the sums available for projects and programmes in the three groups of OCT would therefore be as follows (ECU):

	sixth EDF	Unexpended balance fifth EDF	Total
France	27 000 000	1 247 648	28 247 648
Netherlands	27 000 000	1 247 648	28 247 648
United Kingdom	9 000 000	1 247 648	10 247 648

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UNDER THE FIFTH EDF FOR THE STABILIZATION OF THE EXPORT EARNINGS
OF THE OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 80/1186/EEC of 16 December 1980¹ on the association of the overseas countries and territories, hereinafter referred to as "countries and territories", with the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 32 thereof,

Having regard to the Internal Agreement on the financing and administration of Community aid, signed in Brussels on 20 November 1979, hereinafter referred to as the "Internal Agreement", and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal presented by the Commission,

Whereas, pursuant to the Decision referred to above, and as a result of the reallocation of previous unexpended balances, the sum of 13 587 997 ECU had been made available to the countries and territories for the implementation of the system to ensure the stabilization of earnings by the countries and territories from exports to the Community of the products listed in the said Decision;

Whereas after the deadline laid down for the submission of requests for transfers, there is an unexpended balance of 3 742 944 ECU, and whereas the Council should decide upon its use;

Whereas this balance should remain allocated to the countries and territories; whereas the sum earmarked for the stabilization of export earnings should not be increased; whereas, on the other hand, the funds for financing development projects and programmes in the countries and territories, as allocated by the Council under Decision 80/1186/EEC, should be raised,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. The balance allocated under the fifth EDF for the implementation of the system to ensure the stabilization of earnings by the countries and territories from exports shall be added to the funds earmarked for the financing of projects and programmes under the fifth EDF.

2. It shall be allocated as follows:

- Countries and territories coming under the responsibility of the French Republic: 1 247 648 ECU
- Countries and territories coming under the responsibility of the Kingdom of the Netherlands: 1 247 648 ECU
- Countries and territories coming under the responsibility of the United Kingdom: 1 247 648 ECU.

¹ OJ No. L 361, 31.12.1980, p. 1

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President