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## EURATOM AGREES ON FIRST MULTIANNUAL PROGRAM IN FIVE YEARS

WASHINGTON, DC -- February 9, 1973 -- The Council of Ministers of the European Communities has agreed upon a multiannual research program for the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) which has been operating on yearly budgets for the past five years.

This decision was reached in Brussels on February 6 at 6:30 in the morning after a night-long 'marathon' meeting.

### Program Continuity and Job Security Restored

In nuclear research, as in other types of research, only planning for a period of years assures continuity of effort and researchers' job security. The Council's February 6 decisions will restore both imperatives to the Euratom research effort, expanded to include nonnuclear research. Thus, the decisions were welcomed in Brussels as a political commitment to the Community's collective research effort.

Of the 1,948 persons employed by the JCR on December 31, 1972, only 48 are not covered by the program. To take care of redundant researchers, the Commission has made proposals for their 'voluntary retirement' on generous terms.

### Three Part Program

The four-year program is based on proposals by the Commission designed to

- \* retain as many researchers as possible on the Community payroll
- \* provide the Community's Joint Research Center (JRC) with the opportunity to perform useful work
- \* establish firm ground on which new programs could be developed according to scientific and technological needs.

The program consists of three parts (see Annex for details):

- \* "List A" covers activities performed by the JRC. This part of the program consists of joint research, financed by all nine member countries, and complementary research, financed by interested member countries. Contrary to previous cases, the complementary research budget is this year much smaller than the joint research budget. List A projects will employ 1,440 persons and will have a budget of 157.2 million units of account (\$170.67 million) of which complementary research will absorb 37.05 million units of account (\$40.23 million).

Under the complementary program, France, which has not signed the Treaty for the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), will not participate in the research project for control of fissile materials (Annex, List A, Item B-2). Belgium, Germany, and the Netherlands will finance the operations of the high flux reactor in Petten, the Netherlands (Annex, List A, Item B-3). List A, Item C, covers new nonnuclear activities.

- \* "List B" covers proposed nuclear and nonnuclear research to be financed by all nine member countries and executed by the JRC. The Council tentatively plans on a staff of 209 persons and funds in the vicinity of 20.5 million units of account (\$22.26 million) for this part of the budget. As time ran out

before the Council could settle details of this section, the Commission has asked the Council for its final decision on the proposed projects by the end of April 1973.

\* "List C" covers research performed outside the JCR but coordinated and fully or partially financed by the Community.

I. DETAILS LIST A

A. <u>Joint Nuclear Research</u>	Millions of Units of Account*	
	<u>1973</u>	<u>1973-76</u>
1. Long Term Energy Problems	1.57	6.9
Waste Treatment and Storage		
2. Plutonium and Transplutonium	2.97	13.0
3. Materials	1.94	8.5
4. Reactor Safety	4.83	21.1
5. Data Processing	1.38	6.05
6. Bureau Information Analysis	1.16	5.1
7. Central Bureau for Nuclear Measurements	4.45	20.35
8. Technical Aid, Nuclear Power Stations	1.4	6.1
9. Training	0.33	1.45
10. Research Contracts	0.42	1.85
11. Administration	1.8	8.1
12. Ispra I (5 Megawatts Tank-type Reactor)	0.5	2.2
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Subtotal	22.75	100.7
B. <u>Complementary Programs</u>		
1. Plutonium and Transplutonium (Without Italy)	1.98	8.65
2. Control Fissile Materials R & D (Without France)	1.23	5.4
3. High Flux Reactor, Petten, the Netherlands (Belgium, Germany, and the Netherlands participating)	5.26	23.00
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Subtotal	8.47	37.05

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\* To convert units of account to 1972 US dollars, multiply by 1.08571.

Millions of Units of Account\*

	<u>1973</u>	<u>1973-76</u>
C. <u>Non-nuclear Research</u>		
1. Standards and Reference Substances	1.24	5.4
2. Environment	2.97	13.0
3. Remote Sensing of Earth Resources	0.24	1.05
Subtotal	4.45	19.45
TOTAL LIST A (ABC)	35.65	157.20

II. DETAILS LIST B

1. Environment	1.04	4.55
2. Standards and Reference Substances	0.18	0.8
3. Controlled Thermonuclear Research	1.32	5.8
4. New Technologies	0.83	3.65
5. Recycling Raw Materials	0.74	3.25
6. Materials	1.16	5.10
7. Systems Analysis	0.46	2.0
8. Essor (Organic Cooled Heavy Water Moderated Reactor) and Safety Studies	1.24	8.7
9. Pulsed Neutron Sources	0.66	2.9
10. Data Processing	0.12	0.5
11. Long Term Energy: Hydrogen Production	1.83	8.0

III. DETAILS LIST C -- ALL INDIRECT ACTION

A. Already Agreed	<u>1973-75</u>
1. Controlled Thermonuclear Research	9.6
2. Biology	1.5
Subtotal	<u>11.1</u>

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	Millions of Units of Account*
B. Proposed Nuclear Research	<u>1973-77</u>
1. Plutonium Recycling	3.7
2. Advanced Reactors	8.7
3. Test Reactors	0.27
4. Training	6.9
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Subtotal	19.57
C. Non-nuclear Research	<u>1973-77</u>
1. Central Reference Bureau	1.9
2. Environment	8.6
3. Materials	- -
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Subtotal	10.5
TOTAL	41.17

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