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EC TO PARTICIPATE IN WASHINGTON COORDINATING AID CONFERENCE

Joao de Deus Rogado Pinheiro, Foreign Minister of Portugal which currently holds the EC Council Presidency, and Frans Andriessen, EC Commission Vice President for External Affairs and Trade, will represent the European Community in the plenary meeting of the Coordinating Conference on Assistance to the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in Washington January 22 and 23. Several EC member states, as well as the EC Commission, will attend the conference and co-chair some conference working groups.

Initiative of the United States, the conference aims to improve the coordination of Western aid efforts to the former Soviet republics.

Five key areas have been identified for working groups co-chaired by the following:

Food:	Germany, United Kingdom, Canada
Medicine:	Japan, United States
Energy:	Netherlands, Venezuela
Shelter:	Germany, Italy
Technical Assistance:	United States, EC Commission, Japan

Tables outlining current assistance to the CIS are attached.

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Assistance to the Independent States (ex-USSR)

1. The enclosed tables and graph include estimates of commitments made by the Community, its Member States, EFTA countries, the Nordic Council and different third countries since September 1990. These commitments may cover several years.

2. Figures do not include debt rescheduling nor grants from private sources (such as gifts respectively worth 20 million USD and 400 mio DM from private US and German sources).

3. The data shows that the assistance of the Community and its Member States represent about 75% of the total assistance. The most important provider is Germany (57% of the total effort).

The EEC assistance includes a relatively high proportion of grants and technical assistance.

4. Export credits and credit guarantees as well as other types of credits represent by far the most important form of support. The share of humanitarian grants and technical assistance is marginal.

5. Food assistance includes the largest part of the humanitarian grants and a significant part of the export credits: 3000 MECU* for the US and at least 2250 MECU for the Community and its Member States.

The share of medical assistance in the humanitarian grants is estimated to be minor. The 1250 MECU EEC loan can be used to finance imports of medical supplies.

The most significant action in the area of shelter seems to be the German housing programme (worth 3790 MECU) for Soviet soldiers leaving the ex-GDR.

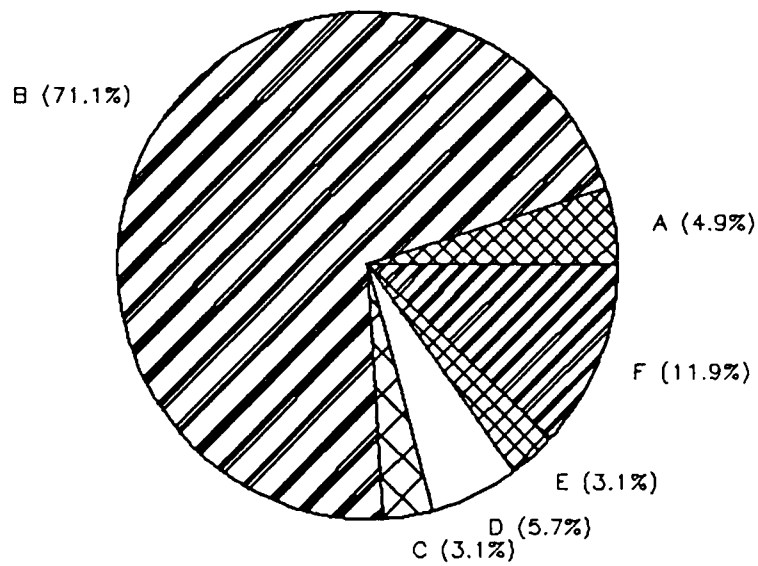
Budgets available for energy include the EC technical assistance budget and a small amount from the World Bank.

Detailed estimates concerning technical assistance are annexed. The Community programme represents 62% of the total, assuming that the 1992 budget will be approved.

* MECU = Million ECU
One ECU = \$1.25, 1991 average

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Geographical distribution of the assistance to the Independent States of the ex-USSR



- A: European Community
- B: EC Member States
- C: EFTA countries
- D: United States
- E: Japan
- F: Other countries

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE TO THE INDEPENDENT STATES (EX - USSR)

FIGURES IN MECU

		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	TOTAL
E C		453.00	0.00	1750.00	0.00	0.00	885.00	0.00	3088.00
Member States		1249.08	5941.55	18457.63	8402.33	8353.19	311.54	1670.64	44386.49
of which	Germany	1189.10	4520.55	11522.49	8402.33	8353.19	196.55	1670.64	35854.85
	Italy	0.00	1421.00	3240.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4661.80
	Spain	0.00	0.00	1118.32	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.00	1118.54
	France	21.58	0.00	1674.72	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	1726.30
	United Kingdom	31.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.97	0.00	112.38
EFTA countries		37.01	0.00	1788.20	0.00	0.00	93.46	27.85	1946.51
of which	Finland	5.00	0.00	1134.70	0.00	0.00	31.00	0.00	1170.70
	Norway	3.68	0.00	93.50	0.00	0.00	39.10	4.00	140.28
	Sweden	11.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.54	0.00	29.24
Other countries		268.02	745.55	8208.81	372.77	298.22	116.83	2982.52	12992.72
of which	USA	205.47	0.00	2982.18	0.00	298.22	90.21	0.00	3576.08
	Japan	21.54	0.00	1938.42	0.00	0.00	1.18	0.00	1961.14
	South Korea	0.00	745.55	1118.32	372.77	0.00	0.22	0.00	2236.86
Total		2007.11	6687.10	30204.64	8775.10	8651.41	1429.19	4681.01	62413.72
A:	Food and medical aid (grants)								
B:	Balance of payment support								
C:	Export credits and/or guarantees								
D:	Other credits								
E:	Strategic assistance: withdrawal of Soviet troops and destruction of nuclear warheads								
F:	Technical assistance								
G:	Others or non available								

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE TO THE INDEPENDENT STATES (EX-USSR)

20 JAN 92	TOTAL ASSISTANCE	
	TOTAL IN MECU	%
E C	3088.00	4.95
MEMBER STATES	44386,49	71.12
of which		
BELGIUM	327.83	0.53
GERMANY	35854.85	57.45
DENMARK	6.70	0.01
SPAIN	1118.54	1.79
FRANCE	1726.30	2.77
GREECE	74.68	0.12
IRELAND	0.33	0.00
ITALY	4661.80	7.47
LUXEMBURG	3.08	0.00
THE NETHERLANDS	430.00	0.69
PORTUGAL	70.00	0.11
UNITED-KINGDOM	112.38	0.18
EFTA COUNTRIES	1946.51	3.12
of which		
AUSTRIA	596.60	0.96
FINLAND	1170.70	1.88
NORWAY	140.28	0.22
SWEDEN	29.24	0.05
NORDIC COUNCIL	1.24	0.00
ICELAND	0.00	0.00
SWITZERLAND	8.46	0.01
OTHER COUNTRIES	12992.72	20.82
of which		
AUSTRALIA	323.19	0.52
CANADA	1913.26	3.07
KOREA	2236.86	3.58
GCCC	2982.18	4.78
USA	3576.08	5.73
NEW ZEALAND	0.00	0.00
JAPAN	1961.14	3.14
TOTAL	62413.72	100.00

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE TO THE INDEPENDENT STATES (EX-USSR)

20 JAN 92	HUMANITARIAN GRANTS	
	TOTAL IN MECU	%
E C	453.00	22.57
MEMBER STATES	1249.08	62.23
of which		
BELGIUM	0.00	0.00
GERMANY	1189.10	59.24
DENMARK	6.12	0.31
SPAIN	0.00	0.00
FRANCE	21.58	1.08
GREECE	0.00	0.00
IRELAND	0.33	0.02
ITALY	0.00	0.00
LUXEMBURG	0.54	0.03
THE NETHERLANDS	0.00	0.00
PORTUGAL	0.00	0.00
UNITED-KINGDOM	31.41	1.56
EFTA COUNTRIES	37.01	1.84
of which		
AUSTRIA	13.80	0.00
FINLAND	5.00	0.25
NORWAY	3.68	0.18
SWEDEN	11.70	0.58
NORDIC COUNCIL	0.00	0.00
ICELAND	0.00	0.00
SWITZERLAND	2.83	0.14
OTHER COUNTRIES	268.02	13.35
of which		
AUSTRALIA	0.00	0.00
CANADA	41.00	2.04
KOREA	0.00	0.00
GCCC	0.00	0.00
USA	205.47	10.24
NEW ZEALAND	0.00	0.00
JAPAN	21.54	1.07
TOTAL	2007.11	100.00

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE TO THE INDEPENDENT STATES (EX-USSR)

20 JAN 92	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	
	TOTAL IN MECU	%
EC	885.00	61.92
MEMBER STATES	311.54	21.80
of which		
BELGIUM	1.09	0.08
GERMANY	196.55	13.75
DENMARK	0.05	0.00
SPAIN	0.23	0.02
FRANCE	30.00	2.10
GREECE	0.13	0.01
IRELAND	0.00	0.00
ITALY	0.00	0.00
LUXEMBURG	2.53	0.18
THE NETHERLANDS	0.00	0.00
PORTUGAL	0.00	0.00
UNITED-KINGDOM	80.97	5.67
EFTA COUNTRIES	93.46	6.54
of which		
AUSTRIA	1.80	0.13
FINLAND	31.00	2.17
NORWAY	39.10	2.74
SWEDEN	17.54	1.23
NORDIC COUNCIL	1.24	0.09
ICELAND	0.00	0.00
SWITZERLAND	2.78	0.19
OTHERS	116.83	8.17
of which		
AUSTRALIA	3.35	0.23
CANADA	21.86	1.53
KOREA	0.22	0.02
GCCC	0.00	0.00
USA	90.21	6.31
NEW ZEALAND	0.00	0.00
JAPAN	1.18	0.08
IBRD	22.37	1.56
TOTAL	1429.19	100.00

Joao de Deus Rogado Pinheiro

Mr. Pinheiro has been Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal since August 1987. He has also served as Minister of Education and Culture (1985-1987) and as Secretary of State for Education and School Administration.

Mr. Pinheiro entered politics after a prestigious academic career, during which he taught at the University of Minho (Portugal) and was published in Portuguese and foreign journals. He also held the positions of President at the University of Minho (Portugal), Chief of Staff of the Office of the Education Minister (Third Constitutional Government), Vice Rector, and later Rector of the University of Minho.

A graduate in chemical industrial engineering (1970), he also obtained a Master of Science degree (1974) and Doctor of Philosophy (1976) in chemical engineering from the University of Birmingham.

Frans Andriessen

Mr. Andriessen has been EC Commission Vice President responsible for External Relations and Trade since 1989. He was first appointed to the Commission in 1981 as Commissioner for Competition (Antitrust) and subsequently served as Commission Vice President responsible for Agriculture (1985-1989).

A native of the Netherlands, Mr. Andriessen has had a prestigious career in Dutch politics. In 1980, he was a Member of the Dutch Senate (First Chamber) and was Minister for Finance from 1977 to 1979. A member of the Dutch Christian Democratic Party, he was elected to the Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament in 1967 and served for 10 years. During that time, he was Chairman of the Catholic People's Party Group (1971-1977).

Born in 1929, Vice President Andriessen holds a Doctorate of Law from the State University of Utrecht.