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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets
on the proposal from the Commission of the
European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-699/80)
for a decision
concerning special Community aid towards
reconstruction of the areas devastated by the
earthquake in Italy in November 1980

Rapporteur: Mr P. ADONNINO

By letter of 9 December 1980 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion on the proposal for a Council decision on special Community aid towards reconstruction of the areas devastated by the earthquake in Italy in November 1980.

On 15 December 1980 the Committee on Budgets appointed Mr Adonnino rapporteur.

It considered this motion for a resolution at its meeting of 15 December and adopted it by 14 votes with 3 abstentions.

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Notenboom and Mr Spinelli, vice-chairman; Mr Adonnino, rapporteur; Mr Baillet, Mr Bonde, Mrs Boserup, Mr Colla, Mr Dankert, Mr Forth, Mr Howell, Mr R. Jackson, Mr Newton Dunn, Mr Nord, Mrs Pruvot (deputizing for Mr Rossi), Mr Konrad Schön, Mr J.M. Taylor and Mr von der Vring (deputizing for Mr Jalton).

The explanatory statement will be given orally.

The Committee on Budgets hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal for a Council decision on special Community aid towards the reconstruction of the areas devastated by the earthquake in Italy in November 1980

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-732/80),

1. Approves the use of Community loans amounting to 1,000 mEUA as at present fixed as a contribution to the reestablishment of the economic potential and the reconstruction of the economic and social infrastructures in the regions of Italy devastated by the earthquake of November 1980;
2. Emphasizes that this aid - which is partly an expression of the Community's solidarity with the inhabitants of the Italian regions affected - represents above all the desire of the entire Community that normal socio-economic conditions be restored as rapidly as possible in the devastated areas which were already among those furthest from the Community average and whose development was one of the Community's prime objectives as laid down in the Treaty of Rome;
3. Stresses the exceptional nature of this action which therefore calls for specific measures and consequently requests that the interest subsidy of 3% proposed be raised to 5%, due account being taken of conditions on the capital market;
4. Considers that this exceptional aid granted in response to the abnormal nature of the disaster should at all events be in addition to the normal aid granted under Community policies, it being understood that a combination of the various instruments in this field is desirable, and calls on the Commission, therefore, to propose subsequently an integrated plan of action on behalf of the devastated areas;
5. Reserves the right to have recourse to the conciliation procedure should the Council consider diverging from this opinion.



Proposal for a Council decision on special aid to
the devastated areas in Italy
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Amendments proposed by the European Parliament to the proposal
for a Council decision

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendments proposed by Parliament

Article 3(2)

The interest subsidy is fixed
at 3% per annum for a maximum
period of 12 years.

The interest subsidy is fixed at
a minimum of 3% which may be
increased to 5% depending on
current conditions on the capital
markets.

Article 5

Financial control and the
auditing of the Commission's
accounts will be carried out
in accordance with the
Financial Regulation applicable
to the general budget of the
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