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Transfer No 34/78

EUA

From Chapter 100 - Provisional appropriations

To Chapter 32 - Expenditure under the energy policy

5 000 000
in payments

Article 320 - Projects in the hydrocarbon sector

15 000 000
in commitments

Item 3201 - Joint projects in prospecting for hydrocarbons

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 21(4) of the Financial Regulation, the financial controller has approved this proposal to attest that the appropriations are available on 24 October 1978.

Explanatory memorandum

(a) Legal and operational aspects

During implementation of the Community's energy supply policy, the Commission, on 29 November 1974, put forward a proposal for a Regulation concerning support to common projects for hydrocarbon exploration (OJ C 18 of 25 January 1975, p.3).

Following the guidelines issued by the Council on 26 June 1975 and the outcome of the activities of a group of geological experts, the Commission made a number of amendments to its original proposal and accompanied it with concrete support measures. This new proposal was sent to the Council on 31 October 1977 (Doc. COM(77)532 final).

The European Parliament expressed its view on 8 May 1978 after consultation by the Council on the Commission's amended proposal. Following this opinion, the Commission amended its proposal for an outline Regulation. This amendment was sent to the Council on 8 August 1978 (Doc. COM(78)383 final).

(b) Budgetary situation

Differentiated appropriations of 25 m u.a. for commitment and 9 m u.a. for payment were entered in Item 3201 "Joint projects in prospecting for hydrocarbons" of the Budget for the financial year 1977. These appropriations were automatically carried over to the financial year 1978.

With the support of the European Parliament, new appropriations of 15 m EUA for commitment and 5 m EUA for payment were set aside for this measure and were entered in Chapter 100 of the Budget for the financial year 1978.

In view of the stage to which the procedure has progressed, it is unlikely that commitments can be made to the hydrocarbon prospecting projects before the end of the financial year 1978. The appropriations carried over from the financial year 1977 would lapse. On the other hand, the appropriations for the financial year 1978 have to be carried over to the financial year 1979.

In view of the uncertain legal position as regards the possibility of carrying forward amounts in Chapter 100, a carry-over of the 1979 Budget of the appropriations entered in Chapter 100 of the 1978 Budget is possible only if they are previously transferred to the appropriate Budget heading for the financial year 1978.

Consequently, in order to avoid the lapsing of appropriations of 15 m EUA in commitment and 5 m EUA in payment entered in Chapter 100 for joint projects in prospecting for hydrocarbons, the Commission asks that its request for a transfer of these appropriations be examined as soon as possible so that they may be approved by the Budgetary Authority by the end of the financial year 1978 and subsequently carried over to the 1979 Budget.

Appropriations in Chapter 100 on 24 October 1978

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	Total approps. for commitments	Total approp. for payments
1. Total allocation	56 393 800	39 225 300
2. Appropriations already transferred to existing budget headings	1 622 000	1 488 500
3. Transfers still awaiting the decision of the Budgetary Authority	6 379 100	6 379 100
4. Appropriations remaining in Chapter 100	48 392 700	31 357 700
<u>of which:</u>		
Title 1	2 079 500	2 079 500
Article 210 and Item 2353 (operating expenditure)	614 000	614 000
Article 282 - European Communities' Institute for Economic Analysis and Research	3 050 000	3 050 000
Article 289 - European schools (supplementary budgets for the financial year 1978)	1 082 000	1 082 000
Item 3201 - Joint projects in prospecting for hydrocarbons	15 000 000	5 000 000
Item 3351 - Appropriations for the JET fusion project	8 029 200	15 000 000
Item 3358 - Irradiated fuel reprocessing	1 000 000	1 000 000
Item 3359 - Phasing-out of nuclear installations	500 000	500 000
Item 3371 - Implementation of coordinated projects	38 000	32 200
Item 3710 - Operations in the aerospace sector - technological research	15 000 000	1 000 000
Article 390 - Research projects in the field of technology and industry	2 000 000	2 000 000
	48 392 700	31 357 700