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TRANSFER NO 20/78

From Chapter 101 -- Contingency reserve	- 215 000 EUA
To Chapter 47 -- Assumption by the European Community of certain financial obligations	
Article 470 -- Refunds arising out of certain financial obligations in respect of fishing in the Adriatic	+ 215 000 EUA

Pursuant to Article 21(4) of the Financial Regulation the Financial Controller approved this proposal thus attesting that the appropriations were available on 19 July.

Justification

On 15 June 1973 Italy and Yugoslavia concluded a bilateral agreement under which Italian fishermen have the right to fish in the Yugoslav sector of the Adriatic in return for financial consideration.

In its Resolution of 3 November 1976 the Council recognized the need to safeguard the rights acquired by Community fishermen in the waters of non-member countries by means of appropriate Community agreements. The Council also adopted a decision authorizing the bilateral fishing agreement between Italy and Yugoslavia to be extended to 31 December 1977 pending the conclusion of a fishing agreement between Yugoslavia and the Community.

With this aim in mind the Commission requested in 1977 that the Community initiate negotiations with Yugoslavia for a fishing agreement. Yugoslavia, however, did not wish at that stage to open negotiations for a fishing agreement with the Community as such because it wanted the matter to be discussed within a broader framework. Any breakdown in relations between Yugoslavia and Italy on this issue would create serious problems for the fishermen concerned.

The Council therefore decided on 20 December 1977 to authorize Italy to extend the bilateral fishing agreement with Yugoslavia to 30 June 1978. Under the terms of this authorization Italy will pay the fee for the fishing rights and will then be reimbursed by the Community (after approximately 20% - which is to be paid by the shipowners - has been deducted from the total costs).

This expenditure was incorporated into the Budget by the Second Amending and Supplementary Budget for 1978, Chapter 47 (Assumption by the European Community of certain financial obligations) and Article 470 (Refunds arising out of certain financial obligations in respect of fishing in the Adriatic) being created and allotted 215 000 EUA.

In view of the lack of progress in the negotiations, the Council again authorized Italy on 21 June 1978 to extend the bilateral agreement for a further six months up to 31 December 1978. This transfer will provide the appropriations needed to cover the costs of extending the agreement.

Under the existing agreement Italy paid Lit 570 million in 1976 and 1977. This fee was agreed upon by Italy and Yugoslavia for access by 100 trawlers to Yugoslav waters. The average cost is approximately Lit 71 250 per tonne. Under the terms of the Council Decision the arrangement between Italy and Yugoslavia will continue under the same conditions. The amount to be paid for the last half of this year will therefore be Lit 285 million (268 300 EUA)¹; this will be paid by Italy; 80% thereof will be reimbursed by the Community, the remainder being borne by the shipowners.

The appropriation to be entered in the Budget, which will be made available by this proposed transfer, is thus 214 640 EUA, rounded up to 215 000 EUA.

¹ At the conversion rate of 4 July 1978: 1 EUA = Lit 1 062.18.

BREAKDOWN OF APPROPRIATIONS IN CHAPTER 101

AT 20 JULY 1978

Amount entered in the Budget: 5 million EUA

Transfers approved by the Budgetary Authority		
Article or item	No	Amount in EUA
2981	1	175 000
260	4	120 000
950	5	500 000
Total		795 000
Transfers before the Budgetary Authority		
Article or item	No	Amount in EUA
2722	12	600 000
3365	13	500 000
2550	16	671 000
343	17	250 000
3540	19	580 000
Total		2 601 000

Balance: 1 064 000 EUA