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(1) TRANSFER No 16/78

From Chapter 101	- Contingency reserve	671 000 EUA
To Chapter 25	- Expenditure on formal and other meetings	
Article 255	- Miscellaneous expenditure on the organization of, and participation in, conferences, congresses and meetings	
Item 2550	- Conferences, congresses and meetings organized by the institution	

(2) TRANSFER No 17/78

From Chapter 101	- Contingency reserve	
To Chapter 34	- Expenditure on safeguards	250 000 EUA
Article 343	- Scientific and technical work and equipment	

Pursuant to Article 21(4) of the Financial Regulation the Financial Controller has approved this proposal thus attesting that the appropriations were available on 28 June.

REASONS

(1) Transfer No 16/78

Negotiations for the renewal of the Lomé Convention will begin in September and are planned to last until June of next year. It was impossible to estimate the costs of these negotiations when the Preliminary Draft 1978 Budget was drawn up, i.e. in the spring of last year.

The following expenditure is estimated for the period from 18 September to 18 December:

	<u>in EUA</u>
1. <u>Staff</u>	
1.1 Interpreters and translators	
70 interpreters for twelve weeks at Bfrs 8 500	
17 translators for twelve weeks at Bfrs 5 000	204 000
1.2 Secretarial staff	
24 secretaries for three months at Bfrs 65 000	117 000
1.3 Technical staff and receptionists	
6 technicians for three months at Bfrs 55 000	
8 receptionists for three months at Bfrs 63 000	62 500
Staff total	<u>383 500</u>

2. Premises

With the exception of the ministerial and plenary meetings the entire negotiations will be conducted at the Manhattan Center where the Commission has conference rooms equipped for simultaneous interpretation.

Since five conference rooms will have to be set aside for the negotiations, other rooms will have to be hired for the meetings of experts which the Commission scheduled for the Manhattan Center some time ago.

The cost of hiring these rooms is estimated to be (four rooms at Bfrs 30 000 for 60 days)	<u>180 000</u>
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3. Rental or purchase of office equipment, furniture and technical equipment

3.1 Office equipment and furniture	25 000
3.2 Rental of reproduction equipment	10 500
	<u>35 500</u>

4. Current administrative expenditure

4.1 Office supplies, photocopies, sundry fittings, etc.	15 000
4.2 Postal charges and telecommunications	9 000
4.3 Transport of documents	6 000
4.4 Refreshments during meeting	22 000
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	52 000
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5. Representation expenditure

2 cocktail parties for 400 persons	}	20 000
2 buffets for 300 persons		
1 banquet for 120 persons		
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GRAND TOTAL		671 000
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The Commission asks the Budgetary Authority to authorize the transfer of 671 000 EUA from Chapter 101 (Contingency reserve) to Article 2550 (Conferences, congresses and meetings organized by the institution) of Chapter 25 since this amount cannot be found within Chapter 25, as the following table shows (see Annex I), eight twelfths of the appropriations in this Chapter having already been committed by 30 June. This amount cannot be found within Title 2 at this point in time as these appropriations have already been drastically reduced as a result of fluctuations in the EUA.

(2) Transfer No 17/78

By way of introduction it should be noted that the increase in appropriations for 1978 is mainly attributable to the much wider obligations which must be met by the Commission as a result of the implementation of the Verification Agreement concluded between the Community, seven of its Member States and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The Agreement sets the Commission's activities in a world context within the framework of a United Nations specialized agency. The Commission is thus required to find funds to cover the costs of purchasing the following highly sophisticated equipment:

ten video-camera surveillance systems with a safeguard system 245 000 EUA

purchases connected with the operation of equipment in situ and relevant supplies (shockproof transport containers, SNAP and SAM 2 heads, UF₆, etc.) 100 000 EUA

particular items of non-destructive inspection equipment to monitor installations fabricating mixed oxide (plutonium/uranium) fuel elements and low- and high-enriched uranium fuel elements (two hexagonal units + electronics, two multichannel plutonium verification units, sample assay device) 85 000 EUA

procurement of equipment for processing data during inspection visits to nuclear installations in the Community 20 000 EUA

450 000 EUA

In order to meet its new obligations the Commission requires an appropriation of 450 000 EUA after deduction of 110 000 EUA for the scientific and technical work carried out by the JRC at Ispra. There is thus a shortfall of 250 000 EUA which the Commission requests be met by transfer from Chapter 101 (see Annex III).

BREAKDOWN OF APPROPRIATIONS IN CHAPTER 25AT 30 JUNE 1978

Item	Heading	Approp- riations	Commitments	Balance	
				amount	in twelfths
				1	2
2500	Formal meetings and meetings in general	5 459 330	3 821 805	1 637 525	3.6
2510	Committees	3 665 000	2 358 250	1 306 750	4.3
2520	ECSC Consultative Committee	360 000	287 529	72 471	2.4
2521	Other commissions and committees operating within the ECSC	268 000	186 100	81 900	3.7
2530	Mines Safety and Health Commission	250 000	167 211	82 789	4.1
2531	Consultative Committee for Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Places of Work	120 000	112 000	8 000	0.8
2540	Measures for young people	220 000	99 389	120 611	6.6
2550	Conferences, congresses and meetings organized by the institution	429 450	182 792	246 658	6.-
2551	Cost of the institution's participation in the above	177 120	95 563	81 557	5.5
2552	Conferences, congresses and meetings in connection with the ECSC	126 100	44 000	82 100	7.-
2560	Pre-consultation meetings with trade union representatives	157 000	157 000	0	0
	Chapter 25 - Total	11 232 000	7 511 639	3 720 361	3.97

LIST OF CONFERENCES, CONGRESSES AND MEETINGS STILL TO BE HELD IN 1978

(Item 2550)

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE IN EUA</u>
Technical seminar on biological methods of monitoring the quality of surface waters	40 000
Seminar on the results of the work carried out by river authorities	12 000
Conference on the practical implications of the Community's participation in international conventions in the environmental field	5 000
Meeting (in Africa) of experts from the ACP countries and the Member States on investment projects in the health sector	70 000
Symposium on foodstuffs and their control	58 000
Symposium on the structure, pattern and trends of collective bargaining in the Member States	45 000
Symposium on the properties and behaviour of alloy 800	3 600
Seminar on the dissemination of the results of Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector	5 000
Symposium under the auspices of the CIEC (Conference on International Economic Cooperation)	60 000
Seminar on new developments in the dissemination of information	18 000
Annual meeting of the directorates-general of national statistical offices	7 400
Total estimated expenditure	<u>324 000</u>
Balance at 31 May 1978	307 682
Amount to be met by transfer within Chapter 25	<u>16 318</u>

BREAKDOWN OF APPROPRIATIONS IN ARTICLE 343 AT 30 JUNE 1978

The appropriations in Article 343 at 30 June stood at:

Appropriations entered in the 1978 Budget	310 000 EUA
Proposals for commitment of expenditure at 30 June ¹	161 706 EUA
Balance at 30 June	148 294 EUA

¹These proposals for commitment concern:

(a) technical and scientific work carried out by the JRC	110 000 EUA
(b) miscellaneous purchases connected with the operation of equipment <u>in situ</u>	51 706 EUA

Given that 51 706 EUA has already been set aside for the purchase of equipment and the balance which can be used for the same purpose stands at 148 294 EUA, the difference between available funds (200 000 EUA) and requirements (450 000 EUA) is 250 000 EUA.

BREAKDOWN OF APPROPRIATIONS IN CHAPTER 101 AT 26 JUNE 1978

Amount entered in the Budget: 5 million EJA

Transfers approved by the Budgetary Authority		
Article or Item	Nº	Amount
260	4	120 000
2981	1	175 000
950	5	500 000
		795 000
Transfers before the Budgetary Authority		
Article or Item	Nº	Amount
2722	12	600 000
3365	13	500 000
		1 100 000

Balance: 3 105 000 EJA