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GENERAL BUDGET FOR 1981
SECTION III - COMMISSION

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TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS No 4/81
(Non-compulsory expenditure)

FROM CHAPTER 100 - PROVISIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

TO CHAPTER 30 - EXPENDITURE IN THE SOCIAL SECTOR

Article 306 - Pilot projects to combat poverty

Appropriations for commitment 500 000 ECU

The Financial Controller approved this proposal on 9 March 1981 in accordance with Article 21(4) of the Financial Regulation and certified that the appropriations are available.

GROUNDS

Considerable progress has already been made in drafting a new programme of action to combat poverty (Article 306 of the budget).

The Commission is planning six studies:

1. poverty in Greece,
2. second-generation migrant workers,
3. minimum incomes,
4. planning action to combat poverty,
5. one-parent families,
6. bibliography on action against poverty in the United States.

In addition, a film will be made on poverty amongst migrant workers.

These projects will account for about two thirds of the amount requested; the remainder will be spent on two seminars:

1. on research and pilot schemes of action to combat poverty co-financed by the Community;
2. presentation of the final report on the previous programme at the end of June.

Final detailed rules for implementing this programme will be adopted in the coming weeks.

Since the Council Decision of 22 December requires it to implement the programme by 30 November 1981, the Commission is proposing that the transfer be made while the final programme is still being drafted so that the appropriations will be available immediately they are required.

At present Article 306 of the budget contains only a token entry; in order to carry out the programme the appropriations for commitment of 500 000 ECU entered for this purpose at Chapter 100 will have to be transferred as soon as possible.

The above Council decision already authorizes the Commission to undertake a more detailed evaluation of the programme by means of studies and seminars paid for with appropriations for commitment entered in the 1981 budget, up to the amount of appropriations for payment still available. A total of 3 970 000 ECU is available in appropriations for payment for the 1981 financial year, 2 300 000 being carried over from 1980 and 1 670 000 entered in the 1981 budget. 3 457 000 ECU will be used to settle commitments from previous years; the 500 000 ECU left over will cover commitments undertaken in 1981 on the basis of the appropriations now to be transferred.

APPROPRIATIONS IN CHAPTER 100

AT 4 MARCH 1981

	Appropriations for commitment	Appropriations for payment
1. Total appropriations	407 079 000	369 019 000
2. Appropriations in the process of being transferred	8 066 000	8 066 000
3. Appropriations remaining in Chapter 100	399 013 000	360 953 000