

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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ECU

| | | Appropriations for commitment | Appropriations for payment |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>FROM CHAPTER 87</u> | - SPECIFIC MEASURES IN THE FISHERIES AND MARINE SECTOR | | |
| Article 871 | - <u>Financial participation in inspection and surveillance operations in the maritime waters of Denmark and Ireland</u> AUTOMATIC CARRYOVER | | 15 500 000 |
| <u>FROM CHAPTER 101</u> | - CONTINGENCY RESERVE | 500 000 ¹ | 500 000 |
| <u>TO CHAPTER 93</u> | - COOPERATION WITH NON- ASSOCIATED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES | | |
| Article 930 | - <u>Financial and technical cooperation with non- associated developing countries</u> CARRYOVER | | 15 500 000 |
| | APPROPRIATIONS FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR | 500 000 ¹ | 500 000 |

¹ Commitment appropriations are only transferred for technical reasons
(to avoid a reduction in the total commitment appropriations in the budget).
The Commission will allow them to lapse at the end of the financial year.

The Financial Controller approved this proposal on 28 July 1981 in accordance
with Article 21(4) of the Financial Regulation and certified that the
appropriations are available.

GROUNDS

In its preliminary draft budget for 1981 the Commission requested payment appropriations of 65 million ECU for expenditure on cooperation with developing countries. It reminded the budgetary authority that this need for payment appropriations arose from commitments undertaken during the previous six financial years and that commitments from previous years had reached an operational phase requiring a relatively high volume of payments. Community aid to certain countries could also take the form of supplies entailing heavy payments in rapid succession (e.g. the supply of fertilizers to India). But the budgetary authority entered only 23 million ECU. In the event, the rhythm of payments required to meet the Commission's commitments to the countries concerned has exceeded the original estimate. Since all the appropriations originally allocated have been used, this action cannot continue without further funds.

These were requested in Amending Budget No 1/81, where the Commission entered a further appropriation of 60 million ECU under this heading: but the Council entered only 44 million ECU in the draft amending budget. Subject to final approval of this budget by Parliament, 16 million ECU must be transferred to make up the sum required for payments under the agreed programme of cooperation with non-associated developing countries. It is therefore proposed to transfer 15.5 million ECU from Article 871 (Financial participation in inspection and surveillance operations in the maritime waters of Denmark and Ireland) and 500 000 ECU from Chapter 101 (Contingency Reserve).

Judging from the requests for reimbursement likely to be settled in 1981, it appears that only some 8.5 million ECU of the 24 million ECU entered under Article 871 (Financial participation in inspection and surveillance operations in the maritime waters of Denmark and Ireland) will be required this year.

The unused appropriation of 15.5 million ECU carried over from 1980 to 1981 will lapse on 31 December 1981 unless the budgetary authority approves this proposed transfer.

APPROPRIATIONS IN CHAPTER 101 ON
28 JULY 1981

Amount entered in the 1981 budget: 5 000 000 ECU

| Transfers authorized | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Article | Amount in ECU |
| 210 | 129 000 |
| 213 | 524 000 |
| 217 | 12 000 |
| 262 | 900 000 |
| Total | 1 565 000 |

Amount available: 3 435 000 ECU

