COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

GENERAL BUDGET FOR 1981
Section III - Commission

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TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS No 21/81 (non-compulsory expenditure)

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						ECU	
FROM CHAPTER 100	-	PROVISIONAL APPROPRIATIONS	1	400	000		
TO CHAPTER 99	-	OPERATING EXPENSES OF COMMISSION DELEGATIONS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES					
Article 900	-	EEC subsidy for the operation of the European Association for Cooperation (EAC)					
Item 9900	criste,	Operating expenses of the EAC headquarters				<i>6</i> 00	000
Article 991	-	Commission delegations in the southern Mediterranean countries				800	000

The Financial Controller approved this proposal on 17 July in accordance with Article 21(4) of the Financial Regulation and certified that the appropriations are available.

GROUNDS

In the 1981 draft budget the Council entered 2 347 800 ECU under Item 9900 (Operating expenses of the EAC headquarters) and placed 600 000 ECU in Chapter 100 until the results of the scrutiny of EAC expenditure which it had asked for were available.

In the case of the Commission delegations in the southern Mediterranean countries, the Council likewise entered 2 million ECU in Article 991 and 800 000 ECU in Chapter 100.

Up to 30 June, the Commission had advanced 2 158 786 ECU to cover the operating expenses of the EAC headquarters (Item 9900). The EAC estimates that these advances will cover about nine months activity. The appropriations entered (2 347 800 ECU) will therefore cover only just over nine months of this expenditure.

Up to 30 June, the Commission had advanced 1 994 906 ECU for its delegations in the southern Mediterranean countries (Article 991). The estimate for the whole year is:

(a) on the basis of staff currently employed

2 133 000 ECU

(b) salaries (including operating expenses) of all authorized staff including three advisers recruited on 30 June and three others who are still being recruited

598 000 ECU

Total probable expenditure

2 731 000 ECU

On this basis, the appropriations entered under Article 991 (2 million ECU) will cover only just over eight months' expenditure, so to avoid a break in payments a transfer from Chapter 100 must be made before the last quarter of this year.

The Commission therefore proposes that 600 000 ECU be transferred as soon as possible from Chapter 100 to Item 9900 (Operating expenses of the EAC headquarters) and 800 000 ECU from Chapter 100 to Article 991 (Commission delegations in the southern Mediterranean countries).

APPROPRIATIONS IN CHAPTER 100 AT 17 JULY 1981

ECU

	Total appropriations for commitments	
1. Total appropriations	407.079.000	369.019.000
2. Appropriations transferred	30.066.000	25.206.000
3. Appropriations being transferred	5.250.000	3.550.000
4. Appropriations remaining in Chapter 100	371.763.000	340.263.000