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FROM CHAPTER 100 - PROVISIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

TO CHAPTER 20 - IMMOVABLE PROPERTY INVESTMENTS,
RENTAL OF BUILDINGS AND ASSOCIATED
EXPENDITURE

Article 204 - Fitting-out of premises

309 000 EUA

The Financial Controller approved this proposal on 28 July 1980 and attested that the appropriations are available.

REASONS FOR TRANSFER

Early in 1979 when the preliminary draft budget for 1980 was drawn up, the date envisaged for Greece's accession to the European Communities, viz. 1 January 1981, was still hypothetical. There was also an element of uncertainty as to the number of Commission Members.

However, it was clear that at all events the Commission would have to provide the necessary accommodation for the new Greek Member, fairly radical conversion work being necessary to provide him with a suite of offices on the thirteenth floor of Berlaymont for his own use and on the twelfth floor for members of his cabinet.

There were also plans for equipping the Commission's meeting room for interpretation from and into Greek.

To cover the cost of this work an appropriation of 657 000 EAU was entered in the 1980 budget under Chapter 100: Provisional appropriations.

However, in July of this year the Commission decided to postpone alterations to the meeting room and to leave the decision to the new Commission. This means that there is considerably less work to be carried out than was originally planned and the estimated cost is now down to 309 000 EUA, broken down as follows:

	(EUA)
• Moving and altering partitions	79 500
• Electrical work	16 100
• Air-conditioning (thermostats, etc.)	9 900
• Partially repainting partitions and ceilings	33 500
• Partially repapering walls	23 600
• Refitting and partially replacing carpets	54 700
• Altering telephone installations	77 000
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Subtotal	294 300
• Contingencies (5%)	14 700
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TOTAL	309 000
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