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From Chapter 92                      FOOD AID (Article 921)

To Chapter 95                      EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES TO ASSIST DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES AND OTHER NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES

Article 950                      Community aid to disaster victims in  
developing and other non-member countries

20 000 000 EUA

The Financial Controller endorsed this proposal on 25. IV. 1980  
thereby certifying that the appropriations are available.



## REASONS

1. Of the \$325 million required to carry out the plan to help those affected by the events in Cambodia prepared by UNICEF, the ICRC, the WFP, the FAO and the UNHCR, \$135 million are extremely urgent (for the period April-June) in order to carry out the spring sowing which determines the harvest for the year, to prevent an interruption in supplies and deal with the disastrous situation with which Cambodia will be faced in June, July and August without international aid.

2. Taking into account the firm commitments entered into by certain governments and the availabilities of a number of non-governmental organizations, there is an immediate shortfall of around \$75 million.

3. Pending the receipt of other contributions, it is highly desirable for the Community to help cover this shortfall by granting, as soon as possible, cash aid of 20 m EUA under Article 950 of the Budget - to be allocated by the Commission among the various bodies concerned.

With food aid of 35 000 tonnes of cereals (corresponding to 3.5 m EUA) - which can be sent at short notice - total aid from the Community immediately would amount to \$33 million. A second instalment of emergency cash aid of 20 m EUA could be paid once the 1980 Budget has been adopted, depending on the information received as to the implementation of the first instalment, and in particular the effective distribution of the aid to those concerned.

4. In view of the urgency involved as regards granting the first instalment of 20 m EUA, it is impossible to wait for this amount to be made available once the 1980 Budget has been adopted. It cannot be covered under the provisional twelfths arrangements either, since the second limit which the Commission has to take into account, i.e. the appropriation included in the Draft Budget of 23 November 1979, is only 3 m EUA.

The Commission is therefore requesting the agreement of the Budgetary Authority to a transfer of 20 m EUA from Chapter 92 (Food Aid) to Article 950. Of course, this amount will have to be included in Article 950 under the 1980 Budget in order to replenish Chapter 92 so that the implementation of the food aid programme is not jeopardized.