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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

8 000 000 EUA

The Financial Controller endorsed this proposal on - 7. V. 1980
thereby certifying that the appropriations are available.

REASONS

1. As explained in the Commission's Communication, taking into account the contributions decided on or planned by a number of governments, approximately \$86 million of the \$108 million required to finance the emergency aid plan for Zimbabwe prepared by the UNHCR and the Government in question has still to be found.
2. It is highly desirable for the Community to help cover this shortfall by granting, via the UNHCR, cash aid of 8 m EUA under Article 950 of the Budget, as soon as possible.

With the aid totalling 4 m EUA proposed under Article 930 of the Budget to finance reconstruction projects and food aid of 250 tonnes of skimmed milk powder on which a decision has yet to be taken, total aid from the Community would amount to some \$16 million.

3. In view of the urgency of this aid it is impossible to wait until the 1980 Budget is adopted in order to obtain this sum. Nor can it be provided under the provisional twelfths arrangements since the second ceiling to be observed by the Commission (the appropriation entered in the Draft Budget of 23 November 1979) is only 3 m EUA.

The Commission hence requests the Budgetary Authority to approve the transfer of 8 m EUA from Chapter 92 (Food aid) to Article 950. This amount will, of course, have to be entered in Chapter 92 when the 1980 Budget is adopted, in order to ensure that the food aid programme is not jeopardized.