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cc. aux Membres du Service du Porte Parole

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Lors de la réunion du 10 mai 1989 la Commission a pris les décisions suivantes :

The Commission proposes a second action plan 1990-1994 against cancer (voir aussi IP (89) 339)

On 10 May 1989 the Commission adopted a proposal for a Council decision on an action plan 1990-1994 of the "Europe against Cancer" programme.

The objective of the second action plan is to continue and to strengthen the actions undertaken between 1987 and 1989 in the fields of prevention, information and health education, and training of the health professions. This action plan is therefore a necessary further step towards the realization of the programme's objective, that of reducing mortality by cancer by 15% compared to the present trend, between now and the year 2000..

The objective, strategy and themes of this action plan are the same as those laid out in the first action plan. However, some changes in priority were necessary.

Although there is less emphasis on information in this action plan, it should be underlined that this does not mean that the European Commission no longer believes in the essential role of health information in promoting the prevention of cancer. The fact is that the partners of the Programme are convinced of the importance of the "European Code against Cancer" and are now willing to undertake continued efforts for its dissemination while calling less on financial assistance from the Community budget.

This, in turn, will allow for the reallocation of funds to two other priority areas whose value can be enhanced by the European Community, i.e. the promotion of pan-European studies on nutrition and cancer, and support for health personnel wishing to be trained in another Member State.

In this proposal for a Council decision the Commission is requesting a budget of 55 MECUS over five years. It must however be stressed that actions set out in the action plan 1990-1994 can only be implemented if the necessary budgetary resources are made

available. The Commission will therefore adopt the definitive action plan, with detailed information on each specific theme, at the end of the year, once the budget agreed by the budgetary authorities is known.

Amitiés,

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