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COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

Request for assent, pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty  
to the granting of a global loan to Barclays Bank P.L.C.,  
United Kingdom

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Communication to the Council

Subject : Request for assent, pursuant to Article 56 2a) of the ECSC Treaty  
to the granting of a global loan to

Barclays Bank p.l.c., United Kingdom.

I. FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY  
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No. 422

Applicant : Barclays Bank p.l.c.

Registered Office : 54, Lombard Street  
London EC3 P

Shareholders : Public quoted company - private shareholders.

II. RECIPIENTS  
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: Barclays Bank p.l.c. will, through its  
local network, pass on the global amount  
in the form of sub-loans to small and medium  
sized firms for the expansion of existing  
and/or the creation of new activities.

Field of Activity of recipients : Industrial and service sectors.

III. THE PROJECT

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Procedure

: This loan is in addition to a previous global loan which has been fully utilised.

In this instance the Commission has decided to make UK£ 30 million (about 48.288 MioECU) available to Barclays Bank p.l.c. to be disbursed in sub-loans to small and medium sized businesses in ECSC employment areas. The loan will be paid in instalments over three years as sub-loans are approved. The Commission will approve sub-loans on the basis of its published operating principles (O.J. No. C 191 of 16 July, 1983). The bank will report annually to the Commission on the use made of the global loan, on the total number of jobs created and actually occupied, and on the re-employment of ex-ECSC workers by the sub-borrowers.

Total amount of investment

: at least UK£ 60,000,000 (+ 96.577 MioECU)

IV. THE REGION

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Project location

: ECSC employment areas in Britain. Outside these areas the strict social clause will be applied (O.J. C 191 of 16.7.1983, para. 14, second sentence).

Unemployment rate

: Wales 17.0%  
Scotland 15.5%  
England 12.6%  
Britain 13.4%

National aid status of project area

: Steel and coal closure areas.

V. CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 56 2a) OF THE ECSC TREATY

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<u>ECSC redundancies in</u> :	<u>1977 - 1982 job losses</u>
<u>project area</u>	
Wales	: 35,710
Scotland	: 6,995
England	: <u>55,001</u>
Britain	: 97,706

Jobs to be created by the project : Assuming that all the jobs will be created in priority ECSC employment areas some 3622 economically viable jobs will be involved.

Training : Through the Manpower Services Commission and the sub-loan recipients.

The Commission considers that the application complies with Article 56 2a) of the ECSC Treaty.

VI. GLOBAL LOAN

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Loan applied for : UK£ 30,000,000 (+ 48,288 MioECU)

Loan to be granted : The Commission has approved a loan of UK£ 30,000,000 (about 48,288 MioECU) or equivalent to the above mentioned institution (1)

Interest rebate : 5 percentage points per year for five years on 48,280 MioECU

Job basis of interest rebate : 2414 jobs (i.e. two thirds of the jobs to be created)

VII. COUNCIL ASSENT

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The Commission requests the Council to give its assent to the foregoing decision.

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(1) In accordance with the application criteria (OJ C 191, 16 July 1983).