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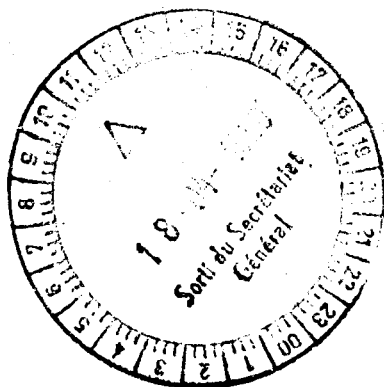
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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION

with regard to contributions to be granted to the European Coal
and Steel Community out of the General Budget of the European
Communities

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In documents numbers COM(79)199 final of 4.5.79 and COM(79)436 final of 20.7.79, the Commission has submitted to Council (for assent), Parliament and the ECSC Consultative Committee a draft Commission decision founded on article 95/ECSC concerning the introduction of special temporary allowances to help iron and steel workers in the framework of the Community restructuring programme.

The nature and justification of the intended special measures are explained in detail in the documents mentioned above. They involve grants in respect of early retirement and adjustments in working arrangements and in the number of hours worked.

In a parallel communication (COM(79)345 final of 20.6.79) the Commission made proposals for financing these temporary measures by a transfer of 100 MEUA from the general budget to the ECSC. Such a transfer would need as its basis a Council decision founded on article 235/EEC.

The Commission entered the 100 MEUA referred to in the preliminary draft budget for 1980 (chapter 54) and Parliament on 7.11.79, by its amendment n°360, restored this appropriation, which had not been retained in the draft budget, with figures of 100 MEUA commitment appropriations and 30 MEUA payment appropriations.

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The Commission is ready to adopt the suggestion of effecting the transfer to the ECSC by annual slices, of a magnitude to be determined by the budgetary process, but it still holds to the view that one must have as a legal basis for the operation a Council decision under article 235/EEC. As regards the provision to be made in chapter 54 for 1980 under this new concept, the Commission considers, after taking into account the amount of progress made in the Council's discussions on this matter, that the appropriation of 30 MEUA proposed by Parliament will suffice. But in view of the operation being a straight payment to the ECSC to finance operations which will be carried out in accordance with procedures germane of the treaty of Paris, the Commission sees no point in providing here for a two-part (dissociated) appropriation.

The Commission's new budget proposal for 1980 follows the approach outlined above in its handling of chapter 54.

The Commission accordingly withdraws the proposed decision set out in document COM(79)345 and instead proposes to the Council to take a decision in the terms of the draft submitted herewith.

PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

with regard to contributions to be granted to the European Coal and Steel Community out of the General Budget of the European Communities.

The Council of the European Communities,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and in particular Article 235 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas the difficulties currently facing the Community's iron and steel industry have made it necessary to adopt a programme for the restructuring of this sector under the terms of the ECSC Treaty;

Whereas this programme consists of a series of measures to rationalize production and raise the productivity of the sector to the level where it can compete on the world market;

Whereas this series of restructuring measures necessarily includes social policy measures to alleviate the effects on employment; whereas, in this connection, it is advisable to extend the range of resettlement aids provided for workers in the industry by Article 56(2) of the ECSC Treaty; whereasto this end, the Commission, acting under Article 95 of this Treaty with the assent of the Council and after consulting the Consultative Committee, has introduced under the programme certain categories of temporary special allowances for steelworkers whose jobs will be affected by the implementation of the programme;

Whereas in the present circumstances the financial means provided for by the ECSC Treaty do not provide adequate cover for financing these measures;

Whereas the secondary effects of this situation, if not remedied, would be liable to aggravate considerably the Community's general employment situation and to impair the harmonious development of economic activities, and this would undermine the achievement of one of the Community's main objectives;

Whereas the ECSC should therefore be granted contributions charged to the General Budget of the Communities to allow the Commission to implement successfully the social measures under the restructuring programme for the steel industry,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Contributions may be granted to the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) out of the General Budget of the European Communities in order to cover the Community's financing of the special payments provided for by Decision.....

Article 2

The amount of the contributions provided for in the foregoing Article shall be determined under the annual budgetary procedure.