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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 16 December 1975

on a financial contribution to the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Institute in Ankara

(75/776/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community, and in particular Article 43
thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parlia-
ment⁽¹⁾;

Whereas the Community should take all appropriate
measures to ensure its protection against the risk of
exotic strains of foot-and-mouth virus appearing on its
territory; whereas the Community's livestock is not
immunized by vaccination against these viruses;

Whereas to this end the Community has undertaken,
and continues to undertake, action designed to
contain outbreaks of this type of disease far from its
frontiers by helping afflicted countries to strengthen
their preventive measures; whereas for this purpose
substantial Community subsidies have already been
granted to the countries of south east Europe through
the FAO and a certain quantity of foot-and-mouth
vaccine drawn from Community reserves has also
been supplied to these countries;

Whereas these measures have unquestionably made
an effective contribution to the protection of Commu-
nity livestock, especially through the establishment
and maintenance of buffer vaccination zones in
Turkish Thrace;

Whereas, however, in the opinion also of the Turkish
authorities, the measures so far implemented must be

reinforced if the fundamental objective of eradicating
the disease from the entire country is to be achieved;

Whereas, in order to achieve this aim, substantial
work has been undertaken at the Foot-and-Mouth
Disease Institute in Ankara in order to increase
substantially the production of vaccine by that insti-
tute;

Whereas this work must be approved because it
should make Turkey self-sufficient in combatting and
eradicating foot-and-mouth disease which should
ensure better protection for Community;

Whereas the Turkish authorities have asked the
Community to contribute to the installation costs of
the Ankara institute;

Whereas a favourable reply should be given to this
request by granting a maximum subsidy of one
million US dollars to Turkey, having regard in parti-
cular to the undertaking given by that country to esta-
blish a buffer zone on its eastern frontier and
completely eradicate foot-and-mouth disease; whereas
since this subsidy is intended to finance instalations
which are to be acquired progressively as the work is
carried out, it is desirable to make the payment in
several instalments on submission of documentaty
evidence proving the utility of the expense;

Whereas technical assistance should be accorded to
Turkey;

Whereas it is also necessary to keep the Member
States regularly informed of the progress of the whole
of the project undertaken,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 257, 10. 11. 1975, p. 32.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. For the period up to 31 December 1980 the Community shall contribute a maximum of one million US dollars for the financing of a project in favour of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Institute in Ankara.

2. Of the sum referred to in paragraph 1 a maximum of 100 000 US dollars is intended to finance technical assistance by Community experts in Turkey and the training of Turkish staff in the Community.

The rest of the sum is intended to finance the cost of new installations in the institute in Ankara and may only be paid on submission by the Turkish authorities of official documentary evidence proving in particular that the installations in question enable the aim referred to in this Decision to be achieved.

Article 2

The Commission shall be responsible for supervising the use of the money referred to in Article 1 and shall report to the Council on the implementation of this Decision.

At least once a year it shall inform the Member States within the Standing Veterinary Committee on the progress of the project.

Done at Brussels, 16 December 1975.

For the Council

The President

G. MARCORA
