

COUNCIL DECISION

of 30 October 1978

giving a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (1969) (Third EDF) for the financial year 1976

(78/901/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Convention of Association between the European Economic Community and the African States and Madagascar associated with the Community ⁽¹⁾, signed at Yaoundé on 29 July 1969,

Having regard to Council Decision 70/549/EEC of 29 September 1970 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the Internal Agreement on the financing and administration of Community aid ⁽³⁾, signed at Yaoundé on 29 July 1969, and in particular Article 22 thereof,

Having regard to the Financial Regulation of the European Development Fund (1969) set up under the internal Agreement on the financing and administration of Community aid ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 7 and 8 thereof,

Having regard to the revenue and expenditure account and the balance sheet relating to the operations of the European Development Fund (1969) (Third EDF) as at 31 December 1976 ⁽⁵⁾,

Having regard to the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1976, to which report are annexed the Commission's replies to the comments made by the Audit Board,

Having regard to the resolution of the European Parliament of 4 July 1978,

Recalling that, in accordance with the provisions applicable to the implementation of the European Development Fund (1969) (Third EDF), only the Council, acting by a qualified majority, should give a discharge to the Commission in respect of the financial administration of the Fund,

Whereas revenue for the financial year 1976 consisted mainly of the contributions of the Member States,

amounting to 724 452 686.44 European units of account, and of miscellaneous revenue of the Fund;

Whereas the overall implementation by the Commission of the operations of the European Development Fund (1969) (Third EDF) during the financial year 1976 was such as to warrant its being given a discharge in respect of the implementation of those operations,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Council closes the revenue and expenditure account of the European Development Fund (1969) (Third EDF) as at 31 December 1976 as follows:

Revenue at the sum of 729 112 577.80 European units of account,

Expenditure (payments) at the sum of 617 817 774.24 European units of account.

Article 2

The Council states the position set out in the Annex hereto on comments No 144 and No 145 in the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1976.

Article 3

The Council hereby gives a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (1969) (Third EDF) for the financial year 1976.

Done at Luxembourg, 30 October 1978.

For the Council

The President

J. ERTL

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 282, 28. 12. 1970, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 282, 28. 12. 1970, p. 83.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 282, 28. 12. 1970, p. 47.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 31, 8. 2. 1971, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No C 254, 24. 10. 1977.

*ANNEX***Council comment appended to the Decision giving a discharge in respect of the Third EDF (financial year 1976)**

1. The Council makes the following statement on comment No 144 of the Audit Board concerning the criteria for awarding scholarships :

The Council invites the Commission to take the necessary steps to ensure that the procedure for awarding scholarships is objective.

2. The Council makes the following statement on comment No 145 of the Audit Board concerning resident and technical supervision :

The Council repeats the comment appended to the Decision giving a discharge in respect of the Third EDF (financial year 1975).

In particular, the Council requests the Commission to ensure the progressive integration of EAC officials under special contract into the statutory staff complement of the Commission.

It notes the intention of the Commission not to replace, by the granting of further special contracts, those EAC officials who have been so integrated.
