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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 9 October 1979

reviewing the second multiannual research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the environmental field (indirect action) adopted by Decision 76/311/EEC

(79/841/EEC)

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 ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas, the Council, pursuant to Article 235 of the Treaty, in its Decision 76/311/EEC ⁽⁴⁾ adopted a multiannual research and development programme in the environmental field (indirect action);

Whereas Article 4 of the abovementioned Decision provides for the review of the said programme;

Whereas the Community is responsible for the conclusion of agreements with third countries in the areas covered by this Decision; whereas it may be advisable to associate the States participating in European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST) with the programme covered by this Decision; whereas it is advisable, as soon as this Decision is adopted, to open negotiations with the States concerned so that such agreements can be rapidly concluded;

Whereas the Scientific and Technical Research Committee (CREST) has submitted an opinion on the Commission proposal;

Whereas the programme should therefore be reviewed,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 2 of Decision 76/311/EEC shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 2

The appropriations necessary to execute the programme, the amount for which is set at 20.8 million European units of account, including a staff of 10, shall be entered in the budget of the European Communities.

The European unit of account is as defined in Article 10 of the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾.

The following shall appear as footnote:

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 356, 31. 12. 1977, p. 1'.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 173, 20. 7. 1978, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 296, 11. 12. 1978, p. 42.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 128, 21. 5. 1979, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 74, 20. 3. 1976, p. 36.

Article 2

The following Article shall be added to Council Decision 76/311/EEC :

'Article 7

1. In accordance with Article 228 of the Treaty, the Community may conclude agreements with other States participating in European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST) with a view to associating them with this programme.

2. The Commission is hereby authorized to negotiate the agreements referred to in paragraph 1.'

Article 3

The Annex to Decision 76/311/EEC shall, with effect from 1 January 1979, be replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Luxembourg, 9 October 1979.

For the Council

The President

D. O'MALLEY

ANNEX

Environmental Research Programme (1976/1980)

(indirect action — non-nuclear projects)

The main aim of the research will be to acquire the scientific and technical know-how necessary for implementation of the environmental programme of the Community. It will cover the following four areas :

Research area 1 (research designed to establish criteria, i.e. exposure-effect relationships for pollutants and chemicals which could contaminate the environment)

1. *Heavy metals*: especially pathway to man through food, water and air and their metabolism.
2. *Organic micropollutants and new chemicals*: especially evaluation of the effects on health and the environment of synthetic chemicals.
3. *Asbestos and other fibrous materials*: detection methods and health effects.
4. *Air quality*: application of techniques for the remote sensing of air pollution ; effects on health and vegetation.
5. *Water quality*: especially epidemiological survey on health status of selected population group in relation to the quality of drinking water.
6. *Waste heat*: ecological and microclimatic effects.
7. *Marine pollution*: especially effects of hydrocarbons and decontamination methods.
8. *Noise pollution*: continuation of the epidemiological survey on the effects of noise on sleep ; effects of vibrations and low-frequency noises.

Research area 2 (research and development on environmental information management, essentially concerning chemicals which could contaminate the environment)

Continuation of collection and handling of data on chemicals in the framework of the ECDIN project.

Research area 3 (research and development on the reduction and prevention of pollution and nuisances)

- Reduction of water pollution, including tests of advanced methods for water treatment.
- Waste : effects on the environment, relevant technology.

Research area 4 (research and development concerning the protection and the improvement of the natural environment)

1. Ecosystems, ecology and biogeochemical cycles, especially studies of ecosystems (contribution to the establishment of an ecological cartography): ozone-shield depletion in the stratosphere and CO₂ accumulation in the atmosphere.
 2. Reclamation of derelict land.
 3. Bird protection : population dynamics and habitat protection.
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