

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for

RULES OF PROCEDURE

of the Committee referred to in Article 11 of Regulation (EEC)

No 442/81

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

On 17 February 1981 the Council of the European Communities adopted Regulation (EEC) No 442/81 on financial and technical aid to non-associated developing countries. This Regulation defines the action to be taken to implement the aid, the objectives to be attained and the detailed rules for administering the aid. Article 11 of the Regulation provides for the setting up at the Commission of a Committee composed of representatives of the Member States. The role of the Committee is to give its opinion on the draft financing decisions in connection with this aid submitted to it by the Commission. The Committee is to be chaired by a Commission representative and its Secretariat is to be provided by the Commission.

Article 11 (3) of Regulation (EEC) n° 442/81 stipulates that "Any rule of procedure for the Committee not laid down in this Regulation shall be decided on by the Council, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission". That is the context in which this proposal for the Committee's rules of procedure is submitted; it is limited strictly to laying down the practical operating procedures not specified in the abovementioned Regulations.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) N° 442/81 of 17 February 1981
on financial and technical aid to non-associated developing countries (1),
and in particular Article 11 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas it is for the Council to adopt the rules of procedure of the
Committee set up at the Commission by Article 11 of Regulation (EEC) No 442/81,

HAS ADOPTED THESE RULES OF PROCEDURE :

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Article 1

1. The Committee shall comprise, under the chairmanship of a Commission representative, the Delegations of the Member States, hereinafter referred to as "the Delegation".
2. The Member States shall inform the Commission of the names of the persons entitled to exercise the right to vote and of the addresses to which communications to the Delegations are to be sent.

Article 2

The Committee shall meet when convened by its Chairman, either on his own initiative or at the request of a Delegation.

Article 3

Under the conditions laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 442/81, the Committee shall deliver an opinion:

- a) on draft decisions for the financing of projects or programmes submitted to it by the Commission ;
- b) on draft financing decisions involving a supplementary commitment in excess of 20% of the initial commitment laid down by the financing decision ;
- c) on draft financing decisions involving overall credits for studies and technical assistance, and to cover the cost of consultancy services and monitoring costs.

Article 4

At least three weeks before the date scheduled for the meeting, the Chairman of the Committee shall send to the persons designated pursuant to Article 1 (2), in the official languages of the Communities, a draft agenda together with the draft financing decisions referred to in Article 3.

Article 5

1. The Secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the Commission.
2. Within a maximum period of three weeks the Secretariat shall, under the responsibility of the Chairman, draw up, in the official languages of the Community, a record of the main conclusions of each Committee meeting and of the basic positions adopted by the Delegations. This record shall be considered final when it has been approved by the Committee either by means of the written procedure or at a subsequent meeting.
3. The final record of each meeting shall be sent to the persons designated pursuant to Article 1 (2).
4. Correspondence concerning the Committee shall be addressed to the Commission, for the attention of the Chairman of the Committee.
5. Those attending meetings of the Committee shall be required to respect the confidentiality of the Committee's work and deliberations. Documents relating to such work and deliberations may be communicated only to the relevant authorities of the Member States and the Community institutions.

Article 6

The meetings of the Committee shall be held at the seat of the Commission.

Done at Brussels,

1981

For the Council
The President