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The Commission would refer to the Council Decision of 27 March 1979 adopting a research programme (indirect action) concerning the decommissioning of nuclear power plants (OJ N° L83 of 3 April 1979).

This decision stipulates that the programme "shall be adopted for a period of five years as from 1 January 1979" (Article 1) and that it "shall be reviewed at the end of the second year, in accordance with the appropriate procedures" (Article 3).

At its meeting of 30 October 1980 the Advisory Committee on Programme Management in the field of the decommissioning of nuclear power plants discussed the desirability of reviewing the programme, and during its meeting of 18 March 1981 it approved the attached opinion.

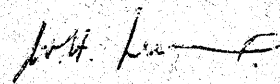
The Commission is now able to comment, in full agreement with the Advisory Committee on Programme Management, on whether the programme should be reviewed. The Commission considers that the projects described in the Annex to the programme adopted by the Council should be continued. It is also of the opinion that the option of adding large-scale decommissioning operations to the current programme should be kept open, but that a firm position on this question can be reached only at a later date. The Commission therefore considers that it is not at present desirable to review the programme.

OPINION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT
IN THE FIELD OF DECOMMISSIONING OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

Opinion of the Advisory Committee on Programme Management in the field of decommissioning of nuclear power plants, having regard to the Council decision of 27 March 1979 (*) adopting a research programme concerning the decommissioning of nuclear power plants and in particular Article 3 relating to the review:

- 1) Has, during the meeting of 30 October 1980, studied the state of the advancement of the execution of the programme,
- 2) Considers that the programme has been carried out so far in a very satisfactory manner and in complete agreement with the Committee,
- 3) Considers that all actions in the annex of the Council Decision of 27 March 1979 are to be pursued,
- 4) Considers that the option to participate, as an addition of the current programme, in large-scale decommissioning operations that would be carried out by Member States should be kept open with the possibility of its being applied at a later date,
- 5) Recommends in consequence that a revision of the programme is not appropriate at the present time.

Brussels, 18th March 1981



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(*) O.J. N° L 83 of 3.4.1979, p. 19