

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

Negotiation on the creation
of an International Tin Study Group

(presented by the Commission)

I. BACKGROUND

1. The current Tin Agreement is the sixth in a series of Agreements which have operated continuously since 1956. It came into force on 1 July 1982 and on expiration on 30 June 1987 was prolonged until 30 June 1989.

The main objective of the Agreement is to provide for adjustment between world production and consumption of tin and to this end it includes economic provisions such as the operation of a Buffer Stock and the ability to impose export controls on Producing Members.

The Agreement, however, was confronted with considerable difficulties such as a structural decline in consumption, a substantial increase in exports from countries non-members to the Agreement, considerable fluctuations in exchange rates and a relative inefficiency of export controls by Producing Members due to smuggling.

2. On 24 October 1985, the Buffer Stock did not have the resources to continue and Buffer Stock operations were suspended in a situation where the Council had huge debts to banks and brokers. Attempts to negotiate an orderly solution to the tin crisis have failed, due to the refusal of two important Producing Members to participate financially in the rescue. As a result, the economic provisions of the Agreement, including export controls, are no longer implemented.
3. Creditors have initiated actions against the Tin Council, the governments of the countries members to the Agreement and the Community.
4. In the coming months, the Community will have to decide on possible forms of Producer-Consumer cooperation in the future. To this end, the Community has already formulated preliminary views for future discussions and negotiations:
 - a) The Community is not in favour of renegotiating the present Agreement after its expiry on 30 June 1989. It is convinced that further market manipulations by an Agreement can only perpetuate market imbalance by encouraging overproduction of a commodity which is faced with a structural decline in demand.

b) Neither would the Community favour the renegotiation of the Agreement without economic provisions.

c) However, the overall majority of Member States of the Community is prepared to envisage a future cooperative framework provided that it would have no possibility to intervene in the market and that the participation of the main tin producing and consuming countries would be ensured.

5. It emerged from discussions with the main producing and consuming members of the Tin Council that they could share the views of the Community. They showed a general readiness to continue future cooperation within an appropriate institutional framework. Most members expressed the wish that, if possible, there should be no time gap between the date of termination of the Agreement and the new body.

II. COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL FOR FURTHER ACTION

1. The Commission believes that an international framework should be established to allow for international consultations on tin based on statistics and studies on production, consumption and trade. This kind of structure would be particularly valuable now and in the medium term for both producers and consumers at a time when the supply and demand sides of the tin market are undergoing radical structural changes.
2. The UNCTAD has convened a preparatory meeting which has taken place from 10 to 11 November 1986. A Negotiating Conference is scheduled from 21st November to 2nd December 1988 for which the Community will have to prepare.
3. After careful study of the existing Study Groups and of their tasks and in the light of the Court's Opinions 1/75 and 1/78, the Commission came to the conclusion that these Study Groups fall solely under Article 113 of the EEC Treaty.

These Study Groups are the result of formal international Agreements, have a legal personality, headquarters agreements, voting procedures and are financed by contributions based in part on economic criteria.

Even if they do not intervene directly on the market, their purpose is to study and review world production, trade and consumption of the commodities concerned.

Clearly, if States enter into such obligations, it is with the intention to utilize the information obtained and the results of these discussions in the implementation of their trade policies.

Furthermore, in paragraph 44 of Opinion 1/78, the Court says: "It is not possible to lay down, for Article 113 of the EEC Treaty, an interpretation, the effect of which would be to restrict the common commercial policy to the use of instruments intended to have an effect only on the traditional aspects of external trade".

In the same opinion, the Court linked Member States participation to Commodity Agreements with national financial contributions to the buffer stock. Since such contributions do not exist in Study Groups, they thus fall under Community exclusive competence on the basis of Article 113.

4. The Commission therefore recommends that the Council adopts the Decision joined as Annex I authorizing the Commission to conduct, on behalf of the Community, the negotiation, in accordance with the draft Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure annexed hereto.

RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

OF

Regarding the negotiation of an International Tin Study Group

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
in particular Article 113,

Having regard to the Recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas a Negotiating Conference is convened from 21st November to
2nd December 1988 on the creation of an International Tin Study Group
in which the Community will take part,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Commission is hereby authorized to conduct, on behalf of the
Community, the negotiations within the framework of the Conference
on the creation of an International Tin Study Group.

The Commission shall conduct these negotiations in accordance with
the directives annexed hereto and any amendments or additions which
may be made to them on the basis of Commission proposals.

Article 2

The Community shall take part in the negotiation proceedings as a
full negotiating member.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

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ANNEX II

Directives in view of the negotiations of various elements relating to the possible creation of an International Tin Study Group

I. DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Preamble

The Parties to this Arrangement have reached an understanding for the establishment of an International Tin Study Group which will have the following terms of reference.

Establishment

1. The International Tin Study Group is hereby established to administer the provisions and supervise the operation of the terms of reference.

Objectives

2. To ensure enhanced international cooperation on issues concerning tin, in particular by improving the information available on the international tin economy and by providing a forum for intergovernmental consultations on tin.

Definitions

3. (a) "The Group" means the International Tin Study Group as constituted in these terms of reference;

(b) "Tin" means tin metal, any other refined tin or the tin content of concentrates or tin ore which has been extracted from its natural occurrence as well as secondary tin. For the purposes of this definition, "ore" shall be deemed to exclude (a) material which has been extracted from the ore body for a purpose other than that of being dressed, and (b) material which is discarded in the process of dressing;

(c) "Members" means all States and international organizations as provided for in paragraph 5 which have notified their acceptance pursuant to paragraph 19.

Functions

In pursuit of its objectives the Group shall have the following functions:

4. (a) To establish the capacity for and to undertake the continued monitoring of the world tin economy and its trends, particularly by establishing, maintaining and continuously updating a statistical system on world production, stocks, trade and consumption of all forms of tin.

(b) To conduct consultations and exchanges of information on developments related to the production, stocks, trade and consumption of all forms of tin.

(c) To undertake studies on important issues concerning tin, in accordance with the decisions of the Group, especially about the structural evolution of world consumption of tin.

(d) To consider special problems or difficulties which exist or may be expected to arise in the international tin economy.

Membership

5. Membership of the Group shall be open to all States which are interested in the production or consumption of, or international trade in tin, and to the European Economic Community.

Powers of the Group

6. (a) The Group shall exercise such powers and take action or arrange for action to be taken as may be necessary to carry out and ensure the application of the provisions of these terms of reference.

(b) The Group is not a trading organization and shall not have power to enter into any contract for tin or any other commodity or product or into any contract for financing or future transactions.

(c) The Group shall adopt such Rules [of Procedure] as are considered necessary to carry out its functions, which shall be subject to, and not inconsistent with, these terms of reference.

(d) The Group shall not have power and shall not be taken to have been authorized by its members to incur any obligation outside the scope of these terms of reference or the rules of procedure.

Headquarters

7. The Headquarters of the Group shall be at a location selected by it in the territory of a Member State. The Group shall negotiate a Headquarters Agreement with the host Government.

Decision making

8. (a) The highest authority of the Group shall be vested in the General Session.

(b) The Group, the Standing Committee referred to in paragraph 9, and such committees and subsidiary bodies as may be established, shall normally take decisions by consensus. If a vote is called for, it shall be taken under the conditions set out in the rules of procedure.

Standing Committee

9. (a) The Group shall establish a Standing Committee which shall consist of those Members of the Group who have indicated their desire to participate in its work.

(b) The Standing Committee shall undertake such tasks as may be assigned to it by the Group and shall report to the Group on completion, or on progress, of its work.

Committees and Subsidiary Bodies

10. The Group may establish such committees or subsidiary bodies, in addition to the Standing Committee, on such terms and conditions as it may determine.

Secretariat

11. (a) The Group shall have a Secretariat consisting of a Secretary-General and such staff as may be required.

(b) The Secretary-General shall be the chief administrative officer of the Group and shall be responsible to it for the administration and operation of these terms of reference in accordance with the decisions of the Group.

Relations with others

12. (a) The Group may make arrangements for consultations or cooperation with the United Nations, its organs or specialized agencies, and with other intergovernmental institutions, as appropriate. The Group shall cooperate, in particular, with the Committee on Commodities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development [which, in accordance with resolution 1995 (XIX) of the General Assembly of the United Nations and decision 7 (I) of the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, has the function of coordinating the activities of the autonomous commodity councils, study groups and other commodity groups].

(b) The Group may also make arrangements as it considers appropriate for maintaining contact with interested non-participating Governments, with other international non-governmental organizations, or with private sector institutions, as appropriate.

(c) The Group may invite any appropriate intergovernmental or non-governmental organization substantially interested in tin problems to be represented at its meetings by an observer, on the understanding that such organization will extend similar rights to the Group. Unless the Group decides otherwise, such observer may attend all meetings of the Group in respect of the whole or any part of a particular meeting or series of meetings, but may not attend meetings of the Standing Committee or of any committee or sub-committee on which all members of the Group are not represented.

(d) The Chairman may invite any such observer to participate in the Group's discussion of any item in which the organization represented by the observer is substantially interested, but the observer shall not have the right to vote or to submit proposals.

Legal status

13. (a) The Group shall have international legal personality [in its host country]. It shall, in particular, but subject to paragraph 6 (b) and 6 (d) above, have the capacity to enter into contracts, to acquire and to dispose of movable and immovable property, and to institute legal proceedings.

(b) The status of the Group in the territory of the host Government shall be governed by a Headquarters Agreement between the host Government and the Group, to be concluded as soon as possible after these terms of reference have come into effect.

Budget contributions

14. (a) Each member shall contribute to the expenses of the Group. The contribution of each member shall consist of an equal share of ... per cent of the budget, the balance to be apportioned on the basis of the average share of each member in world primary tin, tin metal and tin in concentrates trade in the latest three calendar years for which statistics are available.

(b) The Group shall assess the contribution of each member for each financial year, in accordance with the provisions for contributions specified in the rules of procedure. The payment of the contribution by each member shall be made in accordance with its constitutional procedures.

Statistics and information

15. (a) The Group shall collect, collate, and make available to Members such statistical information on production, trade, stocks, consumption and internationally recognized published prices of tin as it deems appropriate for the effective operation of these terms of reference.

(b) The Group shall make such arrangements as it considers appropriate by which information may be exchanged with the interested Governments and with appropriate non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations in order to ensure the availability of recent and reliable data on production, consumption, stocks, international trade, internationally recognized published prices, and on other factors that influence the demand for and supply of tin.

(c) The Group shall endeavour to ensure that no information published shall prejudice the confidentiality of the operations of persons or enterprises producing, processing, marketing or consuming tin.

Annual assessment and studies

16. (a) The Group shall prepare and distribute to Members an annual assessment of the world tin situation and related matters in the light of information supplied by Members and supplemented by information from all other relevant sources.

(b) The Group shall, as deemed desirable, undertake or make appropriate arrangements to undertake studies of short and long-term trends in the international tin economy, including, once a year or, with the approval of the Group, more than once a year, the provisions of an outlook on tin production, consumption and trade for the following calendar year, so that such an exchange of information will be a technical aid to Members in their individual assessments of the evolution of the international tin economy.

Obligations_of_Members

17. Members shall use their best endeavours to cooperate and to promote the attainment of the objectives of the Group.

Amendment

18. The terms of reference may only be amended by unanimous decision of the Group.

Coming_into_effect

19. (a) These terms of reference shall come into effect when at least 15 States (or organisation referred to in paragraph 5) which in total account for over 70% of the world trade in tin as set out in annex A to these terms of reference have notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations pursuant to (c) below. As soon as the terms of reference have come into effect under this article, Members shall be invited to attend an inaugural meeting. Members shall be notified at least one month prior to that meeting.

(b) If the requirements for the coming into effect of these terms of reference have not been met on ..., the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall invite those Governments having notified, pursuant to (c) below, their intention to become members of the Group, to meet at the earliest time practicable to decide whether or not to put these terms of reference into effect among themselves [in whole or in part].

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(c) Any State or organisation referred to in paragraph 5 which desires to become a member of the Group shall give written notice that it intends to apply these terms of reference either provisionally, pending the conclusion of its internal procedures, or definitively. Pending the coming into effect of these terms of reference and the assumption of office by the Secretary-General of the Group, such notice shall be given to the Secretary-General of the United Nations; thereafter it shall be given to the Secretary-General of the Group. A State applying these terms of reference provisionally shall endeavour to complete its procedures within six months but in any case not later than 12 months from the date of its notification and shall notify the depositary accordingly.

Withdrawal

20. (a) A member may withdraw from the Group at any time by giving written notice of withdrawal to the Secretary-General of the Group.

(b) Withdrawal shall be without prejudice to any financial obligations already incurred and shall not entitle the withdrawing State to any rebate of its contributions for the year in which the withdrawal occurs.

(c) Withdrawal shall become effective 60 days after the notice is received by the Secretary-General.

(d) The Secretary-General shall notify each Member of any notification received under this paragraph.

Duration of the Group

21. (a) The Group shall remain in existence as long as it continues in the opinion of the Members to serve a useful purpose, unless terminated in accordance with paragraph 21. (b).

(b) The Group may at any time decide by a two thirds majority vote of the Members to terminate these terms of reference. Such termination shall take effect on such date as the Group shall decide.

(c) Notwithstanding the termination of these terms of reference, the Group shall continue in being for as long as it is necessary to carry out its liquidation, including the settlement of accounts.

Reservations

22. No reservations may be made to any of the provisions of these terms of reference.

II. DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE

Headquarters

Rule 1

The headquarters of the Group shall be in _____ until the Group decides otherwise.

Official and working languages

Rule 2

English, French, [Russian] and Spanish shall be the official and working languages of the Group for interpretation purposes at general and special sessions and for all official documents relating to the general and special sessions. Any delegate wishing to speak or to receive official documentation in any other language shall be responsible for interpretation and translation.

Rule 3

Written communications to the Group may be made in any official languages.

Sessions

Rule 4

The Group shall hold one General Session each calendar year at such a date and place as it may decide.

Rule 5

The Group may hold Special Sessions whenever so requested by a simple majority of its Members, or by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Chairman.

Rule 6

Notice of any session and the provisional agenda for the session shall be communicated to the Members by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman at least 30 days in advance, except in cases of emergency, when a notice may be communicated at least 15 days in advance. In cases of emergency, the notice shall state the nature of the emergency.

Rule 7

The provisional agenda for each session shall be prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman. If a Member wishes a particular matter to be discussed at a session it shall, if possible, notify the Secretary-General 60 days before the commencement of the session, including in that notification a written explanation.

Rule 8

Each Member shall endeavour to notify the Secretary-General not later than five days before the commencement of the session the names of the delegates, alternates and advisers designated to represent it at a session.

Conduct of business

Rule 9

The quorum for any meeting shall be the presence of a simple majority of the Members.

Rule 10

The Group shall elect for each year a Chairman, a First Vice-Chairman and a Second Vice-Chairman.

Rule 11

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, his/her duties shall be exercised by the First Vice-Chairman or, in his/her absence, by the Second Vice-Chairman. In the event of the permanent absence of all of them, the Group, which shall be temporarily presided over by the Secretary-General, may elect new officers from among the delegates or alternates as may be required.

Rule 12

Decisions shall normally be taken by consensus and without a vote. If a vote is necessary, it may be taken by a show of hands, roll-call or secret ballot, in accordance with the request. A simple majority vote of the Members present will confirm any decision unless otherwise specified in the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure.

Rule 13

During the discussion of any matter, any delegate may raise a point of order and may move the closure or adjournment of the debate. In each such case the Chairman shall immediately state his/her ruling, which shall stand unless overruled by the meeting.

Rule 14

Each Member shall be entitled to one vote.

Rule 15

A delegate exercising the function of Chairman shall have no vote while presiding, but may appoint another member of his/her, or of another delegation to vote in his/her place.

Rule 16

When abstaining a Member shall be deemed not to have cast its vote.

Rule 17

The Chairman of the Standing Committee may arrange for the Group to reach decisions on any matter by correspondence. For this purpose a communication shall be sent to Members inviting them to record their votes within a specified time limit, which shall not be less than 45 days. The communication shall state clearly the matter at issue and the proposals in respect of which Members are invited to vote for or against. At the end of the specified time limit, the Secretary-General shall notify all members of the decision reached. If the replies of three or more Members contain objections to the correspondence procedure, no vote will be recorded and the matter shall stand over for decision at the next session of the Group.

Rule 18

Minutes of meetings shall consist of a summary record of the proceedings, including details of voting; such record shall be provisional in the first instance. If any delegation wishes to amend any of its statements reported in the provisional record, such amendment shall be made by notification to the Secretary-General within 30 days of the issue of that record and no other changes shall be made unless approved by the Group at its next session.

Rule 19

Information which is the property of the Group, reports of proceedings and all other documents of the Group and its various committees and other bodies shall be confidential until and unless the Group, or the Standing Committee as appropriate, decides otherwise.

Rule 20

Meetings of the Group shall be private unless the Members present decide otherwise.

Rule 21

The Group shall keep such records as are required for the performance of its functions under the Terms of Reference.

Rule 22

The Group may invite any non-member State or any appropriate inter-governmental or non-governmental organization interested in some or all aspects of the tin economy to attend, as observers, any of the meetings of the Group.

Finance

Rule 23

The Budget of the Group shall be prepared and its accounts kept in the currency of the host country. The financial year of the Group shall be from 1 January to 31 December. If the Group is established on or before 30 June, its initial budget shall be for the remainder of the calendar year. If it is established on or after 1 July, its initial budget shall be for the period up to 31 December in the succeeding year. In either case the initial budget shall be prepared and approved by the Group at its first session. Thereafter, the annual budget for the ensuing year shall be drawn up by the Secretary-General and submitted for consideration by the Standing Committee and for approval by the Group at its General Session.

Rule 24

Each Member shall contribute to the expenses of the Group. The contribution of each Member shall consist of an equal share of ~~20~~ per cent of the Budget, the balance to be apportioned on the basis of the average share of each Member in world tin trade in the latest three calendar years for which statistics are available. Following approval of the Budget, the Secretary-General shall immediately notify each Member of the amount of its contribution. Contributions shall be due and payable in the currency of the host country on 1 January and should be paid by 30 June of the same year. Should any Member not have paid its contribution by the time of the meeting of the Standing Committee in the second half of the financial year, it shall explain the delay at that meeting. Any Member in arrears at that time for the preceding financial year shall be deprived of its voting rights and may, by decision of the Group, be suspended from membership for so long as it remains in arrears.

Rule 25

Any Member joining the Group in the course of a financial year shall pay a pro-rata contribution for the remainder of the year according to the formula set out in rule 24. Contributions received from new Members shall not affect contributions by existing Members in the financial year in question, but shall be taken into account in assessing contributions in the ensuing year.

Rule 26

The scale of budget contributions may only be set or amended by the Group and at a General Session or Special Session. It shall normally be determined at the last scheduled session of each year for the ensuing year and by consensus and without a vote. If a vote is necessary, a two-thirds majority vote of the Members present shall be required.

Rule 27

The Secretary-General shall be responsible for the administration of the Group's accounts.

Rule 28

The Secretary-General shall circulate annually to all Members a statement of account certified by the Finance Member of the Standing Committee, the Secretary-General and an independent auditor of recognized standing.

Rule 29

The adoption of a budget shall be the authority to incur the expenditures set out therein. Within the limit of the overall budget and with the approval of the Standing Committee through such mechanism as it may establish, any appropriation under any one heading of the budget may be applied to any other heading.

Rule 30

Travel and subsistence expenses of delegations of Members to the Group or to any of its subordinate bodies shall not be a charge upon the funds of the Group.

Standing Committee

Rule 31

The Standing Committee shall elect for each year its Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and the Finance Member.

Rule 32

The Standing Committee shall be governed by the Rules of Procedure established by the Group but these rules may be supplemented by the Committee's own rules where the authority therefore has been delegated by the Group.

Rule 33

The Standing Committee shall hold at least two regular meetings each calendar year at such place as it may from time to time decide. As a general rule, at least one of those meetings shall be held in the half of the year other than that in which the General Session is held.

Rule 34

The Standing Committee shall keep the tin situation under review and make such recommendations to the Group as it may deem advisable. It shall carry out such other tasks as may be delegated to it by the Group. In addition, it shall exercise appropriate responsibility for the work of the Secretariat: preparation of a draft budget and other financial action in accordance with rule 23. All financial transactions on behalf of the Group shall be notified regularly to the Standing Committee.

Other committees or bodies

Rule 35

The Group may establish subsidiary committees or bodies and delegate to any of them the exercise of any of its powers, except those which, in accordance with the provisions of its Terms of Reference, require a two-thirds majority vote of the Members present. Notwithstanding such delegation, the Group may at any time discuss and decide any issue that may have been delegated to

any of its subsidiary committees or bodies. If a vote is requested on the question of the establishment of a subsidiary committee or body, it shall require a two thirds majority vote of the Members present.

Rule 36

Officers of subsidiary committees or bodies established by the Group shall be elected each year.

Rule 37

Subsidiary committees or bodies shall report to the Group at least once a year on their work and on all decisions taken by them.

Rule 38

The Group may revoke any power delegated to a subsidiary committee or body.

Secretariat

Rule 39

The Group shall appoint the Secretary-General.

Rule 40

The terms and conditions of appointment of the Secretary-General and the terms and conditions of employment of staff shall be determined by the Group and shall include provisions expressly prohibiting any conflict of interest.

Rule 41

The Secretary-General shall appoint the staff in accordance with decisions of the Group. The number of staff to be appointed shall be determined by the Group. If a vote is requested, a two-thirds majority vote of the Members present shall be required. The staff shall be responsible to the Secretary-General.

Rule 42

In the performance of their duties, the Secretary-General and other staff shall not seek or receive instructions relating to Tin from any Member or from any other authority external to the Group. They shall refrain from

any action which might reflect on their positions as international officials ultimately responsible to the Group. Each Member shall respect the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General and the other staff and shall not seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities.

Disputes

Rule 43

Disputes concerning the interpretation or application of these Rules of Procedure shall be referred to the Chairman of the Group for decision by the Group, in accordance with Rule 12.

Amendment

Rule 44

The Rules of Procedure shall normally be amended by consensus and without a vote. If a vote is necessary, it shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the Members present at a General Session or a Special Session of the Group. Proposed amendments shall be circulated by the Secretary-General to all Members at least two months in advance of the session.

FICHE FINANCIERE

Création d'un groupe d'étude international sur l'étain

1. Ligne budgétaire: D 7755- Création d'un groupe d'étude international sur l'étain

2. Base juridique: art. 113 du Traité CEE

3. Description de l'action:

L'action vise la constitution d'une organisation internationale pour faciliter les consultations régulières sur le commerce international de l'étain, pour entreprendre des études sur la situation mondiale de l'étain et pour chercher des solutions possibles à tout problème ou toute difficulté concernant l'étain.

L'attention se portera spécialement sur la collecte et la publication régulière de données sur la situation de l'offre et de la demande.

4. Justification:

Les pays producteurs et consommateurs d'étain, y compris la grande majorité des Etats membres de la Communauté, sont favorables à la création d'un groupe d'étude international sur l'étain. Le crédit demandé est destiné à couvrir le montant de la contribution de la Communauté aux dépenses administratives de ce groupe celle-ci déciderait de participer.

5. Incidence financière de l'action sur les crédits d'intervention: Néant

6. Incidence financière sur les crédits de personnel et de fonctionnement courant:

6.1. L'exécution de l'action nécessite la collaboration à temps partiel de 2 fonctionnaires A5/A4, sans faire appel à du personnel supplémentaire.

6.2. Néant

6.3. 135.000 ECU par an approximativement

6.4. Le calcul est basé sur une participation effective de tous les pays présents dans les réunions préparatoires, étant entendu que la Communauté et ses Etats membres comptent pour un seul membre.

Sur base d'une estimation provisoire de frais de fonctionnement du groupe de l'ordre de 500.000 ECU, la quote-part de la Communauté, en vertu des dispositions du projet de règlement intérieur s'élèverait à 135.000 ECU par an selon le calcul suivant:

$$\begin{aligned} (500.000 \text{ ECU} \times 20 \%) : 13 \text{ membres} &= 33.333 \text{ ECU} \\ (500.000 \text{ ECU} \times 80 \%) \times 25 \% (*) &= \underline{100.000 \text{ ECU}} \\ &+ 135.000 \text{ ECU} \end{aligned}$$

7. Néant

8. Néant

9. Aucune disposition particulière

(*) correspondant à la position actuelle de la Communauté dans le commerce international de l'étain

DRAFT IMPACT STATEMENT*

(New proposals)

Creation of an International Tin Study Group

1. ADMINISTRATIVE OBLIGATIONS FOR ENTERPRISES RESULTING FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE LEGISLATION

None

ADVANTAGES FOR ENTERPRISES

- YES
- WHICH: Improved security of supply, greater market stability, greater market transparency

3. DISADVANTAGES FOR ENTERPRISES

(Additional costs)

- NO
- RESULTS -

4. EFFECTS ON EMPLOYMENT

None

5. HAS THERE BEEN PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION WITH THE SOCIAL PARTNERS?

NO

OPINIONS OF THE SOCIAL PARTNERS -

6. IS THERE A LESS COSTLY ALTERNATIVE APPROACH?

NO

*With the agreement of the Task Force on SMEs