COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Brussels, 26.07.1999 COM(1999)395 final

Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

amending Decision 76/228/ECSC on the granting of daily subsistence allowances and refunds of travel expenses to Members of the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community

(presented by the Commission))

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

General considerations

- 1. After Council Regulation EC/ECSC/EURATOM No 620/1999 of 22 March 1999 adjusted the daily subsistence allowance rates for officials on mission, the allowances paid to experts invited to participate in the work of the subcommittees of the ECSC Consultative Committee were also adjusted.
- 2. The most recent adjustment to the daily subsistence allowance paid to Members of the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community was on 13 November 1992¹.
- 3. In order to remedy the situation created by the adjustment referred to in paragraph 1. above, which has resulted in experts being paid a level of allowances higher than that paid to the Members themselves, the Commission proposes that the Council adopt the proposal for a decision annexed.

The proposal

- 4. The Commission considers that, before the ECSC Treaty expires in July 2002, there needs to be a final adjustment of the daily subsistence allowance paid to Members of the Consultative Committee.
- 5. On the basis of changes running strictly in parallel with changes in mission rates, for which the daily subsistence allowance for grades A1 to A3 in Luxembourg has risen by 30.5%, the daily allowance for each day of attendance at meetings should increase from EUR 141.30 to EUR 184.40 and the allowance for each day of travel from EUR 110.31 to EUR 143.95.

This will lead to an annual budget increase of approximately EUR 18 000 (please see the financial memorandum annexed).

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OJ L 353, 3.12.1992.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, and in particular Article 18 thereof,

- (1) Whereas the daily subsistence allowance rates for officials on mission have just been adjusted under Council Regulation EC/ECSC/Euratom No 620/1999 of 22 March 1999 adjusting the daily subsistence allowance rates for officials on mission.
- (2) Whereas the daily subsistence allowances granted to Members of the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community should be adjusted pro rata to take account of the increase in travel and subsistence expenditure incurred by Members of the Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 2 (1) of Decision 76/228/ECSC², is hereby replaced by the following:

- "1. The daily subsistence allowance shall be:
 - EUR 184.40 for each day of attendance at meetings,
 - EUR 143.95 for each day of travel."

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council The President

OJ L 44, 20.2.1976, p. 33. Decision last amended by Decision 92/550/ECSC (OJ L 353, 3.12.1992, p. 29)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. TITLE OF OPERATION

Council Decision on the granting of daily subsistence allowances and refunds of travel expenses to Members of the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community

2. BUDGET HEADING(S) INVOLVED

A-2520: Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community

3. LEGAL BASIS

Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, Article 18

4. **DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION**

4.1 General objective

Adjustment to the daily subsistence allowances and refunds of travel expenses to Members of the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community

4.2 Period covered and arrangements for renewal

The adjustment will take effect on the day following publication in the OJ. The new scale of allowances will remain in force until the expiry of the ESCC Treaty on 23 July 2002.

5. CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENDITURE OR REVENUE

5.1 NCE

5.2 NDA

6. Type of expenditure or revenue

Expenditure for the organisation of meetings under budget line A-2520 includes daily subsistence allowances, travelling expenses of participants (members, deputies, technical advisers) and premiums due under the individual group insurance policy for the benefit of said participants, as well as the allowances paid to the analysts responsible for compiling the analytical records. This credit line can also be used for the financing of events of a European nature.

7. FINANCIAL IMPACT

No financial impact on operational expenses (Section B).

8. FRAUD PREVENTION MEASURES

Measures relating to the reimbursement of expenses apply.

9. ELEMENTS OF COST-EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS

Does not apply.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE (SECTION III, PART A OF THE BUDGET)

Actual mobilization of the necessary administrative resources will depend on the Commission's annual decision on the allocation of resources, taking into account the number of staff and additional amounts authorized by the budgetary authority.

10.1 Effect on the number of posts

| Type of post | | Staff to be assigned to managing the operation | | Source | | Duration |
|------------------------------|-------------|--|-----------------|--|----------------------|-----------|
| | | Permanent posts | Temporary posts | Existing resources in the DG or department concerned | Additional resources | 1999-2002 |
| Officials or temporary staff | A B C | 2,5 1 4,5 | | 2,5 1 4,5 | | |
| Other resources | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Total | | 8 | 1 | 9 | | |

10.2 Overall financial impact of additional human resources

EUR

| | Amounts | Method of calculation | | |
|---|---------|--|--|--|
| Officials | 864.000 | 8 x 108.000/year (Titles A1, A2, A4, A5, A7) | | |
| Temporary staff | | | | |
| Other resources (indicate budget heading) | 48.000 | 1 x 48.000 | | |
| Total | 912.000 | | | |

10.3 <u>Increase in other administrative expenditure as a result of the operation</u>

EUR

| Budget heading | Amounts | Method of calculation | | |
|---|---------|---|--|--|
| A-2520:Consultative Committee of the ECSC | 678.000 | The annual impact of the proposed adjustment allowances, as compared with correspond expenditure in preceding financial years, is 18.00 . The commitment appropriation requested by Commission under budget line A-2520 in the F 2000 (678.000 €) takes this impact into account an broken down as follows: - 4 ordinary sessions - 2 extraordinary sessions - Other meetings - Adjustment of subsistence allowance 18.000 | | |
| Total | 678.000 | | | |