

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION

determining the general guidelines for 1985 concerning financial
and technical aid to non-associated developing countries

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM1. General background of aid to non-associated developing countries

A recapitulation of the general information relating to financial and technical assistance to non-associated developing countries can be found in the 1983 implementation report. The report outlines the origins of the programme in 1976 and its development up to the present day, the basic objectives and the main conditions governing the aid, the principal procedural points, including the requirement to draw up specific annual guidelines for the coming year's programme.

2. Experience to date

The 1983 implementation report also takes stock of the experience to date in the implementation of aid to non-associated developing countries. All the projects completed by 31 December 1983 are reviewed and the lessons that can be learned are summed up in a chapter of the report.

Broadly speaking, it is revealed that

- (i) the aid has indeed gone mainly to the poor rural populations of the countries in direst need and that the guidelines adopted in successive years - without any major changes - have indeed provided an appropriate framework for the achievement of this objective;
- (ii) as the programme has developed, experience gained in earlier programmes has been able to be put to good use in the drawing up of later programmes, especially as regards the preparation and preliminary study of the projects, administrative procedures, the technical assistance input, adjustments in the pace of implementation, a more in-depth knowledge of the countries in general, and this despite the fact that the limited resources necessarily impose certain restrictions on the extent to which all these requirements can be met.

3. Guidelines proposed for 1985

In view of what has been said above and the fact that the guidelines for 1984 have proved to be well suited to the objectives and the conditions governing the administration of aid to the non-associated developing countries, the Commission proposes renewing for 1985 the guidelines approved by the Council for 1984.

Angola and Mozambique already participate in the Lome III negotiations with a view to joining the ACP group of countries. However, in order to assure continuity, they remain eligible for credits under Art. 930, on a temporary basis, until they are able to take advantage in real terms of the benefits reserved for ACP countries.

It is also proposed that the aid granted to the People's Republic of China in 1983 be renewed in 1985 on comparable terms. This initial experiment now under way seems to be providing the necessary assurances as to the usefulness and mutual interest of cooperation with this country in the framework chosen.

Current trends in the Central American region also justify the continuation of development efforts undertaken in the past and the extension, as far as is practicable, of Community aid to other countries of the region where conditions are favourable to the implementation of aid.

wine year, obtained a quantity of wine not exceeding a quantity to be determined shall be adopted in accordance with the same

procedure, in particular so as to alleviate the administrative burden arising from the application of this Article.'

Proposal for a Council Decision determining the general guidelines for 1985 concerning financial and technical aid to non-associated developing countries

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(Submitted to the Council by the Commission on 4 October 1984)

(84/C 278/05)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 442/81 of 17 February 1981 on financial and technical aid to non-associated developing countries ('), and in particular Article 9 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas the general guidelines for the administration of financial and technical aid by the Commission to non-associated developing countries to be followed in 1985 should be determined,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The 1984 guidelines are hereby renewed for 1985.

(¹) OJ No L 48, 21. 2. 1981, p. 8.

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2925/78 as regards the period of suspension of application of the price condition to which imports into the Community of certain types of citrus fruit originating in Spain are subject

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(Submitted to the Council by the Commission on 5 October 1984)

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

FINANCIAL NOTE

- Budget line concerned : Article 930
- Direct financial consequences : None

The present communication will serve as a guide for the use of Article 930 of the 1985 budget to the extent that credits are inscribed under this heading by the budgetary authority.

