

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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From Chapter 100: Provisional appropriations

to Chapter 89: Assumption by the Community of certain financial obligations pursuant to agreements on fishing rights in non-Community waters

Article 890: Reimbursement in respect of certain financial obligations relating to fishing in the Adriatic 600 000 EUA

The Financial Controller has approved this proposal, attesting that the appropriations are available at 22 May 1979.

### Reasons

On 15 June 1973 Italy and Yugoslavia concluded a bilateral agreement under which Italian fishermen are entitled to fish in the Yugoslavi zone of the Adriatic subject to compensation being paid to Yugoslavia. In its resolution of 3 November 1976 the Council recognized the need to preserve by "appropriate Community agreements" rights acquired by Community fishermen in non-Community waters. On the same occasion the Council took a decision authorizing the extension until 31 December 1977 at the latest of the bilateral fishing agreement between Italy and Yugoslavia pending the conclusion of a fishing agreement between that country and the Community.

With this in mind the Commission asked in the course of 1977 that the Community and Yugoslavia should enter into negotiations with a view to concluding a fishing agreement. It has turned out, however, that Yugoslavia - in a desire to discuss this matter in a wider setting - is not yet prepared to enter into negotiations for the purpose of concluding a fishing agreement with the Community as such.

Any break in relations between Yugoslavia and Italy in this field would cause serious problems for the fishermen concerned. The Council has extended the bilateral fishing arrangements between Italy and Yugoslavia several times. The Council last decided on 19 December 1978 to authorize Italy to extend the bilateral fishing agreement with Yugoslavia until 30 June 1979.

In the absence of progress in negotiations between the Community and Yugoslavia a further extension of the existing agreement up to 31 December 1979 is envisaged.

Under the agreement in force Italy paid 570 million lire in each of the financial years 1976 and 1977. The payment of this sum was agreed upon between Italy and Yugoslavia in return for the admission of 100 trawlers into Yugoslav waters. The cost is therefore approximately 71 250 lire per tonne.

After deducting the portion of the expenditure - about 20% - to be paid by the owners, the amount to be paid by Italy and reimbursed by the Community on the basis of the above figures is approximately 420 000 EUA per annum.

An increase in the expenditure is expected in 1979, however, although negotiations on the matter between Italy and Yugoslavia had not been concluded when this proposal for a transfer was prepared.

An appropriation of 600 000 EUA, intended to cover this expenditure for the whole of financial year 1979, was entered in Chapter 100 of the budget (Provisional appropriations). Transfer of this sum from Chapter 100 to the budget entry concerned (Article 890 - Reimbursements in respect of certain financial obligations relating to fishing in the Adriatic) is consequently requested.

The following points are made clear:

- (a) The request for a transfer is being put forward now in order that the expenditure relating to the first half of 1979 may be settled rapidly as soon as the relevant negotiations are concluded.
- (b) The request for a transfer covers expenditure for the whole of financial year 1979 in order as much as possible to limit resort to the transfer procedure which is burdensome for all Community institutions.
- (c) It is clear, furthermore, that the Commission will be able to use the appropriation to assist Italy only in compliance with the conditions to be laid down by the Council in the decision relating to the extension of the existing agreement.

APPROPRIATIONS IN CHAPTER 100

AT 16 MAY 1979

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	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR COMMITMENTS	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR PAYMENTS
1. Total appropriations	439 206 000	351 774.200
2. Appropriations already transferred	2 472 000	1 552 000
3. Appropriations in process of being transferred	90 569 000	39 669.200
4. Appropriations still entered in Chapter 100	346 165 000	310 553 000