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	1979 commitment appropriations remaining	1979 payment appropriations carried over
<u>FROM CHAPTER 93</u> - COOPERATION WITH NON-ASSOCIATED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES		
Article 930 - Financial and technical cooperation with non-associated developing countries	20.000.000	20.000.000
<u>TO CHAPTER 95</u> - EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND OTHER NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES		
Article 950 - Aid to disaster victims in developing and other non-member countries	20.000.000	

On 24 November the Financial Controller endorsed the proposal and certified that appropriations were available, in accordance with Article 21 (4) of the Financial Regulation.

GROUNDS

In its communication regarding a second tranche of emergency aid worth 20 million EUA for the victims of the disastrous events in Kampuchea, the Commission announced that it was planning to propose a transfer from Chapter 92 (food aid) to Article 950 (aid to disaster victims in developing and other non-member countries). Following adoption of the 1981 budget this would be followed by a second transfer, the other way round, so as to reconstitute the appropriations a Chapter 92. Implementation of the food aid programme would not have been affected by this temporary cut in the appropriations at Chapter 92. It seemed quite possible to reconstitute the appropriations in 1981 by using Article 950 as Parliament was proposing to enter a substantial volume of funds there by means of an amendment.

The Council refused to accept this solution as it did not wish to anticipate the outcome of the budgetary procedure on this point. The Council also noted that at Article 930 (financial and technical cooperation with non-associated developing countries) there was a spare 23.6 million EUA which would be cancelled at the end of 1980; it stated that it would prefer to use the appropriations available here.

The 1979 budget reentered an appropriation for commitment and payment of 23.6 million EUA.

Reentry was considered to be necessary as a result of the changeover from the system of non-differentiated appropriations to the system of differentiated appropriations; it reflected commitments entered into in 1976 and 1977 but not yet paid out.

These reentered commitments will be cancelled at the end of this year. Of the 55.6 million EUA entered as appropriations for payment in the 1979 budget, 25.5 million carried over to 1980 are still available as at 24 November. This is because, as the budgetary authority is already well aware projects in the non-associated developing countries are being implemented only very slowly. It is very difficult to say whether this carryover will be fully used up by the end of the year. At any rate the 1980 appropriations of 22 million EUA are still entirely intact.

It follows that a transfer of 20 million EUA from the appropriations outstanding or carried over at Article 930 is quite possible and would have no effect on the volume of the 1980 programme for the non-associated developing countries.

The Commission is very keen to provide assistance to Kampuchea in the 1980 budget year. It has been informed that the Council cannot accept the original budget technique. But it would be wrong to allow internal budgetary difficulties to hold aid back from those who need it. The Commission is accordingly proposing to use appropriations available at Article 930, as this appears to be the only way of getting the quick agreement it needs.

It accordingly proposes to transfer 20 million EUA by way of appropriations for commitment and appropriations for payment from Article 930 (financial and technical cooperation with non-associated developing countries) to Article 950 (aid to disaster victims in developing and other non-member countries).