

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION  
CONCERNING COMMUNITY AID GRANTED BY WAY OF EXCEPTION  
IN RESPECT OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE REGIONS AFFECTED BY  
THE ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE IN NOVEMBER 1980

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(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION No.

concerning Community aid granted by way of exception in respect of the reconstruction of the regions affected by the Italian earthquake in November 1980.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 235 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission<sup>(1)</sup>;

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament<sup>(2)</sup>;

Whereas the regions of Campania and Basilicata were devastated by an earthquake in November 1980 and it is important to mitigate the effects of this disaster on the economic and social situation there;

Whereas the European Council at its session of 1 and 2 December 1980 invited the Community institutions to contribute to the reconstruction programme of the devastated areas in particular by means of subsidised loans;

Whereas this is a completely exceptional situation requiring rapid and effective remedies;

Whereas Council Decision No. 78/870/EEC of 16 October 1978 provides a means of realizing this objective<sup>(3)</sup>;

Whereas it is appropriate to provide for interest subsidies, chargeable to the Communities' general budget on loans granted for this purpose under the provisions of the new Community instrument (3) or on the European Investment Bank's own resources;

Whereas the European Investment Bank has declared its willingness to cooperate in the implementation of the present Decision;

Whereas the Treaty makes no provision for the powers of action required for this purpose,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

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(1).....

(2).....

(3).....

Article 1

The following paragraphs are hereby added to Article 1 of Decision 78/870/EEC:

"The Commission shall be empowered to contract, by way of sole exception, on behalf of the European Economic Community, loans for the purpose of financing investments for the reconstruction of the means of production and economic and social infrastructures in the regions affected by the Italian earthquake in November 1980.

The amount of the principal of such loans may not exceed the equivalent of 1000 million ECU subject to deduction in respect of any operations of the same nature carried out by the E.I.B. out of its own resources."

Article 2

Interest subsidies on a principal not exceeding the equivalent of 1000 million ECU, chargeable to the general budget of the European Communities, may be granted on loans made either by the European Investment Bank out of its own resources or under the new Community instrument, as provided for in Article 1 of this Decision, in favour of investments carried out in the regions affected by the Italian earthquake of November 1980.

Article 3

The Commission shall, on the basis of projects submitted by the Italian authorities, grant the interest subsidies each year. The subsidy rate is hereby fixed at 3% per annum for a maximum period of 12 years.

Article 4

When the borrowings are expressed, payable or repayable in the currency of a Member State, they may be concluded only with the agreement of the competent authorities of that State.

Article 5

The financial control and audit of the Commission's accounts shall be carried out in accordance with the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 6

Implementing rules in respect of this Decision shall be adopted by the Commission.

Article 7

The Commission shall annually inform the Council and the European Parliament of transactions carried out under this Decision.

Article 8

This Decision shall apply with effect from 1 January 1981.