

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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**PROPOSAL FOR A**  
**COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)**

compensating Greece for its contribution to the cost of the  
financial mechanism and the supplementary measures for the  
United Kingdom

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

In November 1980 the Commission presented a proposal to the Council for a regulation compensating Greece for its contribution to the cost of the financial mechanism and the supplementary measures for the United Kingdom. This proposal, which was adopted by the Council on 20 January 1981, only made provision for compensation for sums reflecting the increase in 1981 in the cost of financing 1980 measures to assist the United Kingdom.

Two further elements not covered by the abovementioned regulation - Council Regulation (EEC) No 284/81 - warrant consideration:

- (i) although provision was made for compensation to Greece for additional contributions in 1981, there was no mention of the additional appropriations which could be entered in subsequent budgets following calculation of the net United Kingdom contribution to the 1980 and 1981 budgets;
- (ii) the Council conclusions of 30 May 1980, which led to approval of supplementary measures to assist the United Kingdom and amendment of the existing financial mechanism, were reached at a meeting not attended by Greece. Added to which, Article 4 of the conclusions specifies that the measures to assist the United Kingdom are to be financed by the other eight Member States.

The Commission therefore considers that Council Regulation (EEC) No 284/81 of 20 January 1981, which is incomplete, should be repealed and replaced by a new regulation which would take full account of these two points.

The present proposal therefore provides for the payment of compensation to Greece for

1980 and 1981 and for the entering of supplementary appropriations in subsequent financial years following calculation of the net United Kingdom contribution for these years.

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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>,

Having regard to the opinion of the Court of Auditors<sup>3</sup>,

Whereas the amount of the supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom, established by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2744/80<sup>4</sup>, is calculated according to the rule set out in Annex II to that Regulation, account being taken of the amounts resulting from application of the financial mechanism as adjusted by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2743/80<sup>5</sup>; whereas the relevant appropriations are entered in the budget for the financial year following the year to which they refer; whereas supplementary appropriations may be entered in subsequent budgets following calculation of the net United Kingdom contribution to the 1980 and 1981 budgets;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No

<sup>2</sup> OJ No

<sup>3</sup> OJ No

<sup>4</sup> OJ No L 284, 29.10.1980, p. 4.

<sup>5</sup> OJ No L 284, 29.10.1980, p. 1.

Whereas the Hellenic Republic was not represented at the Council meeting of 30 May 1980, the conclusions of which were implemented by the regulations mentioned above; whereas the conclusions reached on the United Kingdom contribution to the financing of the Community budget<sup>6</sup> specified that measures to assist the United Kingdom would be financed by the other eight Member States; whereas the Hellenic Republic should therefore receive financial compensation for the sums corresponding to the increase in budget contributions attributable to the financing of measures to assist the United Kingdom;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 284/81 of 20 January 1981 compensating Greece for its contribution to the cost of the financial mechanism and the supplementary measures for the United Kingdom<sup>7</sup> only made provision for compensation for sums corresponding to the increase, during the financial year 1981, in budget contributions attributable to the financing of 1980 measures to assist the United Kingdom, although similar compensation could be payable in subsequent financial years;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 284/81 is therefore incomplete and should be replaced,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

The Hellenic Republic shall receive the amounts necessary to compensate it for the additional financial burden falling upon it as a result of payments to be made to the United Kingdom under Regulations (EEC) Nos 2743/80 and 2744/80.

<sup>6</sup> OJ No C 158, 27.6.1980, p.1.

<sup>7</sup> OJ No L 32, 4.2.1981, p.1.

Article 2

The financial compensation referred to in Article 1 shall be made to the extent that payments are made to the United Kingdom under Regulations (EEC) Nos 2743/80 and 2744/80.

For this purpose the Commission shall, during the first month following each quarter, make the necessary calculations as to the amount of the refunds due to the Hellenic Republic from the budget and make the corresponding payments.

Article 3

Regulation (EEC) No 284/81 is hereby repealed.

Article 4

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1981.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

