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### Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the  
Council (Doc. 142/73) for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 2721/72  
relating to the supply as food aid of skimmed milk powder

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On 18 July 1973, the Council decided to consult the Parliament, pursuant to the provisions of Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, on a proposal from the Commission to the Council for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 2721/72 relating to the supply as food aid of skimmed milk powder.

On 9 August 1973, the President of the Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Development and Cooperation as the committee responsible.

On 17 September 1973, the Committee on Development and Cooperation appointed Mr SEEFELD rapporteur.

On the same date, the committee unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution.

The following were present: Mr Dewulf, Acting Chairman; Mr Seefeld, rapporteur; Mr Armengaud, Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, Miss Flesch, Mr Harmegnies, Mr Härzschel, Mr James Hill, Mrs Iotti, Mr Jakobsen (deputizing for Mr Corona), Mr Kollwelter, Mr Nolan, Lord Reay, Mr Thornley (deputizing for Mr Van der Hek).

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The Committee on Development and Cooperation hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 2721/72 relating to the supply as food aid of skimmed milk powder.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council (COM (73) 933 final B),
  - having been consulted by the Council on 18 July 1973 (Doc. 142/73),
  - having regard to the resolution of 17 November 1972<sup>1</sup> following the report by its Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 193/72);
  - having regard to the report by the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 163/73),
1. Approves the terms of the Agreement reached between the Commission of the Communities and the International Committee of the Red Cross providing for the financing by the Community of delivery charges to the cif stage or free frontier, as well as air freight for emergency operations in accordance with the terms approved by the Community;
  2. Declares its agreement to the Commission's proposal for amending Regulation 2721/72 so as to adapt it to the conditions of current and future emergency operations and, more particularly, those for the benefit of the countries of the Sahel and Chile;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities .

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C. 129, 11 December 1972, p.74

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This proposal for a regulation to amend Council Regulation No. 2721/72 is the outcome of negotiations conducted between the Commission of the Communities and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on the supply as food aid of skimmed milk powder.

Under this agreement, the Community is prepared to pay for the transport by air of deliveries of milk powder to the Red Cross for emergency operations. On the other hand, in order to simplify the administrative procedure, the Community will no longer contribute towards the costs of distribution of milk powder by the Red Cross.

Thus, compared with the initial Regulation No. 2721/72 of 19 December 1972, the new feature is essentially paragraph 1(d) of Article 1 which provides for an outline agreement between the Community and the ICRC for financing the transport by air of emergency deliveries to countries and in accordance with the procedure approved by the Community in implementation of the supply agreement.

The other provisions contained in paragraph 1(a), (b) and (c) already existed in initial Regulation No. 2721/72 on which Parliament delivered a favourable opinion in its resolution of 17 November 1972 following the report by Mr VREDELING (Doc. 193/72).

In conclusion, your committee approves the terms of this agreement relating to the delivery expenses of milk powder since, in the immediate future, it has to authorize (under Title 9 of the budget of the Communities: Food Aid) the financing of the transport by air of milk powder distributed through the Red Cross to the countries of the Sahel and Chile.