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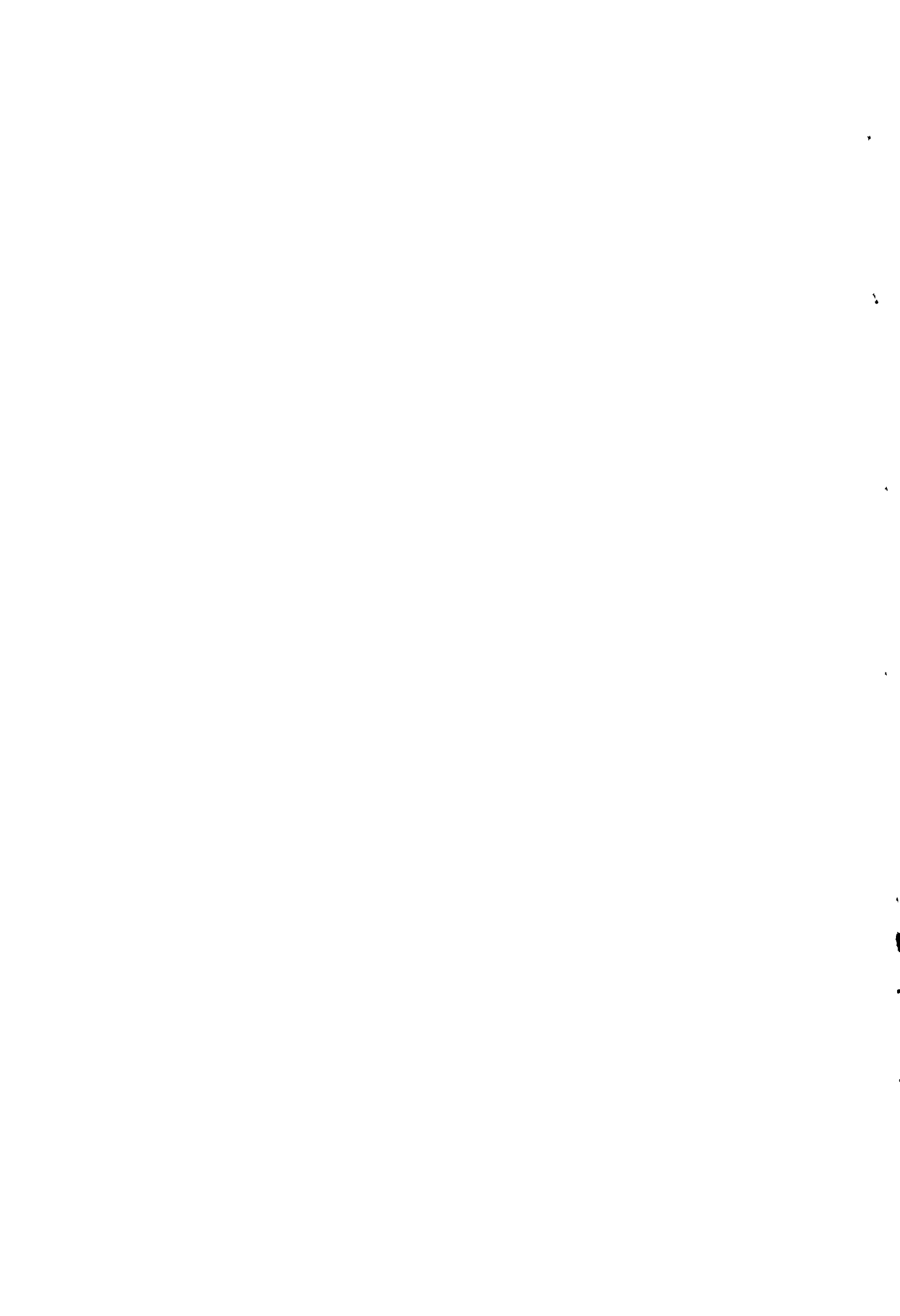
OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 19/75) for a regulation on establishing the general rules concerning the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1975 programme

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OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from the chairman of the Committee on Budgets to Miss Colette Flesch, chairman of the Committee on Development and Cooperation

Brussels, 24 April 1975

Dear Miss Flesch,

At its meeting of 23/24 April, 1975 the Committee on Budgets considered the proposal for a Council Regulation on establishing the general rules concerning the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organisations under the 1975 programme (Doc. 19/75).

The allocation provided for in the 1975 budget fixed the skimmed milk powder programme at 55,000 metric tons, which is the same level as that for 1974. Having regard to the 11,400 metric tons covered by programmes already decided or proposed, the quantity of skimmed milk powder now available would enable 43,600 metric tons to be supplied by the Community. The present proposal relates to this amount and to the financing of certain costs incurred in the transport and distribution of the aid in question so that it may be of most effective use.

The Committee on Budgets once again looked into the Commission's earlier practice of granting food aid only when certain surpluses existed within the Community. The Commission states that this procedure has now been largely superseded. The Committee on Budgets would like to draw the attention of the Committee on Development and Cooperation to the fact that food aid, which is always given on humanitarian grounds, should not in future be dependent on surplus situations in the Community.

The programme would be carried out in such a way that it did not disturb the normal development of prices on the market and the relevant part of the detailed rules on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products and of regulation No. 465/75 of the Council regarding aid for milk powder used as animal feed would be applied.

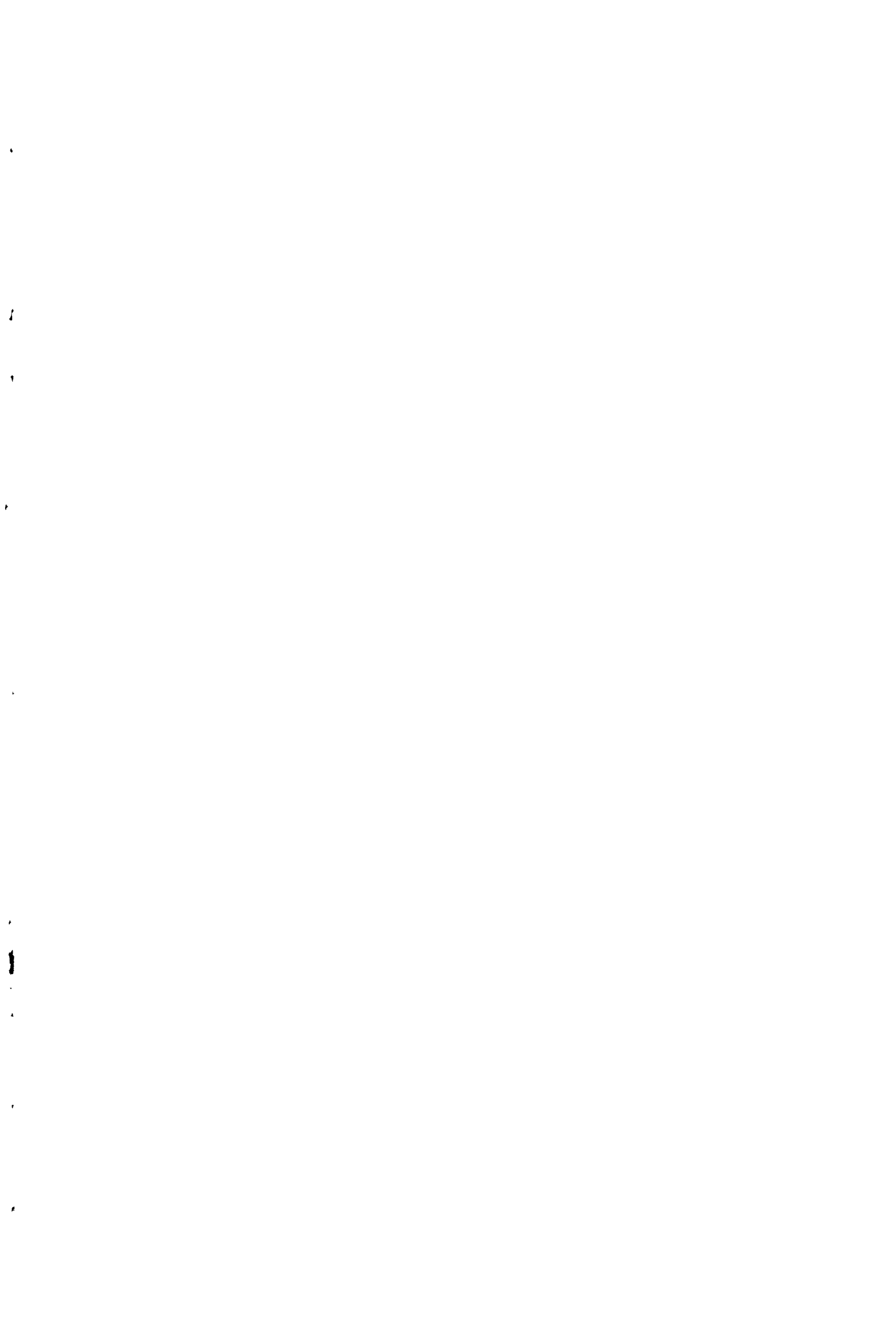
Provision for the expenditure in question was made under Article 921 of the 1975 Budget and was classified as compulsory. The estimate of the outlay entailed has been put at 32,463.000 units of account, made up as follows:-

- cost of the 43,600 metric tons	30,346,000
- transport costs	2,105,000
- addition of vitamins	12,000
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	32,463,000

The committee expresses its approval of the proposed Regulation.

Yours sincerely,

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