

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

GENERAL BUDGET FOR 1979  
SECTION III - COMMISSION

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TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN CHAPTERS N° 7/79  
(CE to NCE)

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## REASONS

Following the recent events in Indo-China, another 79 000 refugees, including 30 000 from Laos, 47 000 from Vietnam and 2 000 from Cambodia have fled to neighbouring countries: 32 000 to Thailand, 36 000 to Malaysia and 11 000 to other countries. This new mass exodus means that the UNHCR\* budget intended to help these groups of people will have to be increased from the original sum of US \$28 million to US \$47 million.

Because of the political and demographic situation in the countries in which they are first seeking refuge, there is very little opportunity for resettling them locally. For this reason, most UNHCR aid is being used for emergency needs until these people can be moved to a country of permanent settlement.

These needs can be broken down as follows:

	<u>US \$ million</u>
- accommodation	7
- food purchased locally or in the region (vegetable oil, beans, rice, fish sauce, spices and sugar) and water	22
- medicines and medical care	2.5
- teaching and training	3
- transport to host countries	7
- local transport	2.5
- other expenditure (including administrative costs)	3
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As the situation is changing rapidly, the budget may have to be further increased or substantial changes made for certain items. The figures below can therefore only be a guide.

The contributions earmarked to cover this aid programme currently stand at US \$19.2 million as follows:

Japan	\$11.5 million
USA	\$7.5 million
Federal Republic of Germany	\$170 000
Philippines	\$10 000

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\* United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

On the occasion of his visit to the Commission on 15 February 1979, Mr Poul Hartling, the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees, asked for emergency financial aid from the Community to implement his programme to help south-east Asian refugees, whose needs have increased considerably as a result of the recent new flood of refugees.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission has recently decided to allocate 5 000 000 EUA charged to Article 950 of the 1979 Budget, "Community aid to disaster victims in developing countries and non-member countries". A first instalment of 1 million EUA has already been paid over. As the appropriation entered in Article 950 is only 3 million EUA and as it would be inadvisable to use up all this amount so early in the year, it will have to be increased by means of a transfer of 4 million EUA.

This amount of 4 million EUA may be drawn from Chapter 100, No 25 in the remarks column, which is the reserve of appropriations for Article 813 (8.1 m EUA in appropriations for commitment and 6.1 m EUA in appropriations for payment). This is because the appropriations entered under Article 813 (Mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas) in the 1979 Budget considerably exceed actual requirements, owing to overestimation by some Member States.

GENERAL BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1979

SECTION III: COMMISSION

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TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS No 7/79

(Compulsory expenditure to non-compulsory expenditure)

From Chapter 100: Provisional appropriations  
(No 25: Article 813)

appropriations for payment	4 000 000 EUA
appropriations for commitment	4 000 000 EUA

To Chapter 95: Exceptional measures to assist  
developing countries and non-member  
countries

Article 950:	Community aid to disaster victims in developing countries and non-member countries	4 000 000 EUA
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The Financial Controller has approved this proposal, attesting that the appropriations are available at 30 March 1979.

Appropriations in Chapter 100  
at 29 March 1979

	Total appropriations for commitment	Total appropriations for payment
1. Total allocation	193 833 000	106 401 200
2. Appropriations already transferred	nil	nil
3. Appropriations now in course of transfer	6 022 000	3 302 200
4. Appropriations still entered in Chapter 100	187 811 000	103 099 000