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ECU

	Commitment appropriations	Payment appropriations
1. TRANSFER FROM:		
<u>CHAPTER 33</u> - EXPENDITURE ON RESEARCH AND INVESTMENT		
Article 335 - <u>Indirect action - raw materials</u>		
Item 3350 - Secondary raw materials (recycling of urban and industrial waste)		
APPROPRIATIONS CARRIED OVER AUTOMATICALLY		- 259.000
Article 336 - <u>Indirect and concerted action - quality of life</u>		
Item 3368 - Biology and health protection - radiation protection	- 362 000	- 362 000
TOTAL	- 362 000	- 621 000
2. TRANSFER TO:		
<u>CHAPTER 33</u> - EXPENDITURE ON RESEARCH AND INVESTMENT		
Article 334 - <u>Indirect action - Energy</u>		
Item 3347 - Implementation of the Council Resolution of 22 July 1975 on technological problems of nuclear safety- codes and standards for fast-breeder reactors		
APPROPRIATIONS CARRIED OVER AUTOMATICALLY		+ 200.000
Article 336 - <u>Indirect and concerted action - quality of life</u>		
Item 3363 - Growth of large urban concentrations		
APPROPRIATIONS CARRIED OVER AUTOMATICALLY		+ 59.000
Article 338 - <u>Indirect action - Horizontal activities</u>		
Item 3380 - Long-term forecasting and assessment	+ 362 000	+ 362 000
TOTAL	+ 362 000	+ 621 000

The Financial Controller approved this proposal on 03.09.1981 in accordance with Articles 21(4), 93(1) and 94(1) of the Financial Regulation and certified that the appropriations are available.

## GROUNDS

The payment appropriations for indirect action in the 1981 draft budget suffered an overall cut of 34 million ECU during the budget procedure. As far as possible, this was evenly spread over all the relevant budget items.

It now appears that, while some items have surplus appropriations, others are not able to meet their legal obligations.

Although it is not necessary to ask for extra appropriations, the situation does require a redistribution of appropriations among the indirect action items in Chapter 33.

Article 94(1) of the Financial Regulation lays down that these transfers from item to item must be approved by Parliament after consultation with the Council as provided by the third subparagraph of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation.

The items involved are the following:

(i) Item 3347 (Implementation of the Council Resolution on nuclear safety - codes and standards)

The 1981 budget included payment appropriations of 103 100 ECU under this item for the settlement of invoices in respect of study contracts. There was also a carryover of 145 690 ECU, making a total of 248 790 ECU.

The invoices for the thirteen contracts concluded in 1980 amount to some 200 000 ECU, and the twenty contracts made in 1981 will cost 240 000 ECU - a total requirement of 440 000 ECU.

This item therefore requires a further 200 000 ECU in payment appropriations.

(ii) Item 3350 (Secondary raw materials)

This item has a carryover of 2.2 million ECU from 1980. Following consideration of the tenders received after an invitation was issued in May 1980, negotiations on contracts did not begin until October 1980, so causing a delay in payments.

It is therefore possible to transfer 200 000 ECU of the payment appropriations carried over from this item to Item 3347 (Implementation of the Council Resolution on nuclear safety - codes and standards).

(iii) Item 3363 (Growth of large urban concentrations)

This activity, which finished in February 1980, had a carryover from 1979 to 1980 of 59 000 ECU in payment appropriations. The last contractor submitted his final invoices after the end of 1980, when the appropriations could no longer be used, so the Commission has to obtain 59 000 ECU in payment appropriations to meet its commitments. This may be obtained from the carryover at Item 3350 (Secondary raw materials).

(iv) Item 3380 (Long-term forecasting and assessment)

The majority of these contracts must be concluded before the end of 1981 so that the results can be evaluated and extension of the programme discussed before the terminal date of July 1983.

There are nine research contracts and six more limited study contracts requiring a total of 887 000 ECU in commitment appropriations and 665 000 ECU in payment appropriations.

The 1981 appropriations for this item amount to 750 000 ECU in appropriations for both commitment and payment. Commitments already made and payments being effected mean that a further 362 000 ECU in appropriations for both commitment and payment is required.

(v) Item 3368 (Biology and health protection)

The 1981 budget included considerable appropriations for this item (18.2 million ECU in commitment appropriations and 10.9 million ECU in payment appropriations).

It is therefore proposed that 362 000 ECU (in appropriations for both commitment and payment) be transferred from Item 3368 (Biology and health protection) to Item 3380 (Long-term forecasting and assessment).

