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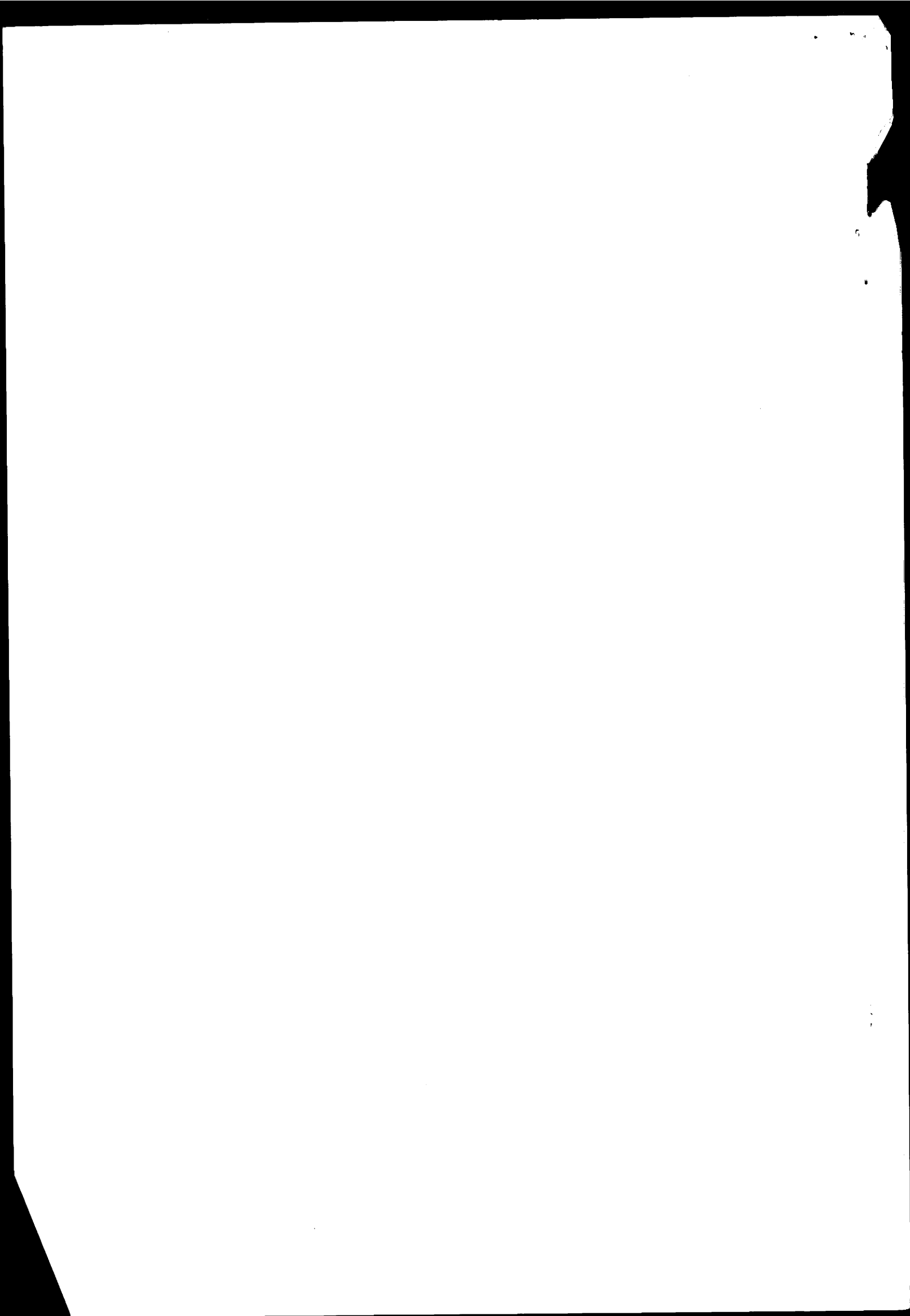
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Amendment to the Proposal for a  
COUNCIL DECISION

revising the multiannual research action programme for the  
European Community in the field of biotechnology  
(1985-1989)

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(submitted by the Commission pursuant to Article 149(3) of the EEC Treaty)



**Amendment to the proposal for a Council Decision revising the multiannual research action programme for the European Community in the field of biotechnology (\*) (1985 to 1989)**

*COM(88) 169 final*

*(Submitted by the Commission to the Council pursuant to Article 149 (3) of the EEC Treaty on 23 March 1988)*

*(88/C 99/08)*

The Commission proposal is hereby amended as follows:

Preamble unchanged

First five recitals unchanged

**Whereas any application involving the planned release of organisms created by genetic engineering must be preceded by experimental research conducted in accordance with safety rules;**

Sixth recital unchanged

**Whereas it is necessary to step up training activities and to evolve training schemes including, in particular, the organization of short intensive workshops, altogether allowing research scientists in the Member States to benefit from all the research facilities and scientific expertise in the Community, thus helping to reduce the disparities in development in the field of biotechnology between the various Member States of the European Community;**

Eighth recital unchanged

**Whereas it is necessary to step up the concertation activities carried out alongside the Community research and training effort, to improve national and Community activity in the field of biotechnology, strengthen dialogue with the trade unions, farmers' and consumers' associations, environment protection groups and their experts, and make more and better information available to the public;**

Tenth recital unchanged

**Having regard to the necessity to guarantee the participation of Spain and Portugal in the totality of activities in the programme (activities in progress and activities provided for in this revision);**

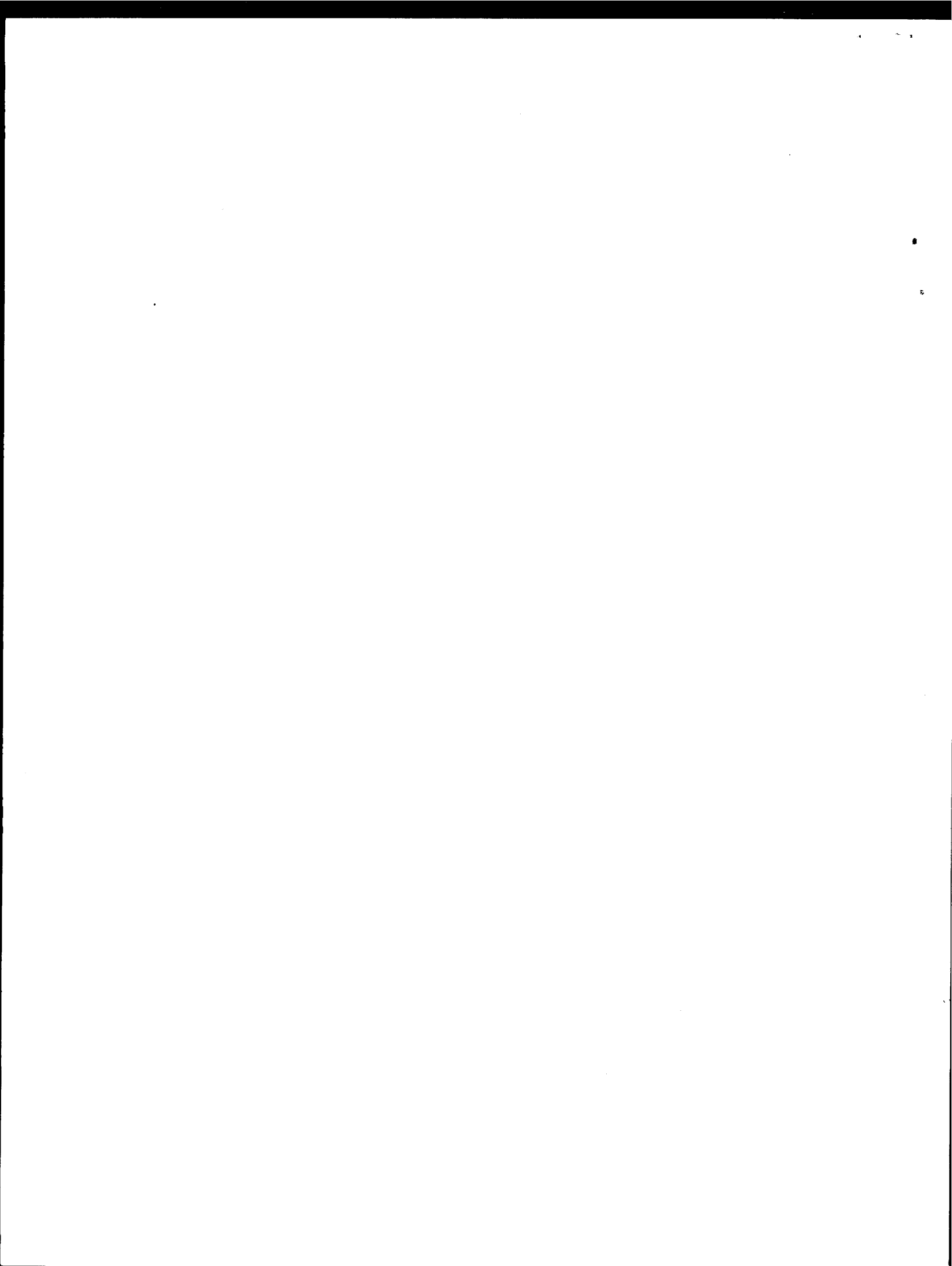
Twelfth recital unchanged

*Article 1*

The research action programme for the European Economic Community in the field of biotechnology (1985 to 1989) is hereby revised on the basis of the specifications in the Annex.

**The aims of this revision are to allow the balanced participation of Spain and Portugal in the current programme and the expansion of certain parts of the programme (bio-informatics; evaluation of the risks associated with modern biotechnology; training of researchers).**

(\*) OJ No C 15, 20. 1. 1988, p. 13.



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*Article 2*

The funds necessary to increase and expand the activities as planned in this revision, to which must be added the funds already allocated to the programme, are estimated at 20 million ECU, including expenditure on an additional staff of five. **The final amount of appropriations and the number of staff shall be determined on the basis of decisions taken annually by the budgetary authority in accordance with real needs.**

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*ANNEX*

## First four indents unchanged

- Increase in training and information activities in all parts of the current programme.
- Matching of resources (manpower) for the concertation activity to the requirements defined in the programme, in particular so as to provide all groups concerned with the most comprehensive information possible with regard to the research findings.

Seventh indent unchanged

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