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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

of 10 April 1984

on the discharge granted to the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions in respect of the implementation of its appropriations for the 1982 financial year

(84/329/EEC)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 206b thereof,

Having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the 1982 financial year and the report of the Court of Auditors on these accounts (Doc. 1-1227/83),

Recalling its resolution of 16 December 1983,

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions :

Financial year 1982	ECU	%
<i>Receipts</i>		
1. Subsidy from the Commission	3 423 115	97,4
2. Bank interest	62 375	1,8
3. Other	28 201	0,8
	3 513 691	100
<i>Expenditure</i>		
1. Final budget appropriations	3 546 200	
2. Commitments	3 513 691	
3. Appropriations unused (1 - 2)	32 510	
4. Payments	2 595 639	
5. Appropriations brought forward	672 370	
6. Payments from appropriations brought forward	612 420	
7. Unused appropriations brought forward	59 950	
8. Appropriations carried forward	918 052	

2. Grants a discharge to the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions on the basis of the report of the Court of Auditors, in respect of the accounts for the 1982 financial year;

3. Instructs its President to communicate this decision and the attached comments to the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, to the Council, to the Commission and to the Court of Auditors and to arrange for their publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done on 10 April 1984.

The Secretary-General

H.-J. OPITZ

The President

Pieter DANKERT

RESOLUTION

embodying the comments accompanying the decision granting a discharge to the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions in respect of its revenue and expenditure accounts for the 1982 financial year

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

Having regard to the report of the Court of Auditors on the 1982 accounts (Doc. 1-1270/83),

Having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (Doc. 1-1336/83),

1. Asks the Commissions and the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions to take the necessary measures to comply with the following comments and calls on the Commission to submit a written report by 1 November 1984 on the follow-up to these comments;

Accounting matters

2. Believes that the Foundation, despite certain averred technical difficulties, should draw up its balance sheet, in future, as recommended by the Court of Auditors, in terms of the conversion rate to ECU at 31 December each year;

Publications

3. Calls on the Foundation to review the mailing list by asking the recipients periodically to confirm whether they wish to continue to receive mailings;

Research contracts

4. Reflects that the limited spread of use of research establishments in certain Member States is far too narrow and calls on the Foundation to seek to widen this spread;

Other contracts

5. Believes that the contracts for the supply of goods and services to the Foundation should be subject to the financial provisions applying to the Foundation the matter of issuing of invitations to tender and awarding of resulting contracts and urges that this requirement be observed in future;

Financial provisions

6. Experts that the Foundation will produce recommendations for the revision of its financial provisions as far as tendering systems for research contracts are concerned and also will put forward any other suggestions for amendments considered to be useful;

Analysis of expenditure

7. Asks the Foundation to require the recipients of research contracts to complete a standard form of contract designed by the Foundation to include the expense breakdown of the contract so as to satisfy the wishes of the Court of Auditors.

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**of 10 April 1984**

on the discharge granted to the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training in respect of the implementation of its appropriations for the 1982 financial year

(84/330/EEC)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 206b thereof,

Having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the 1982 financial year and the report of the Court of Auditors on these accounts (Doc. 1-1228/83),

Recalling its resolution on the budgetary control aspects of decentralized agencies, autonomous organs and satellite bodies of the European Communities together with other recipients of subsidies,

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the 1982 financial year :

Financial year 1982	ECU
<i>Receipts</i>	3 864 243
1. Subsidy from the Commission	3 809 719
2. Bank interest	23 605
3. Other (including exchange rate gains)	30 919
<i>Expenditure</i>	
1. Final budget appropriations	4 006 000
2. Commitments	3 864 243
3. Appropriations unused (1 – 2)	141 757
4. Payments	3 254 506
5. Appropriations brought forward	692 555
6. Payments from appropriations brought forward	612 046
7. Appropriations brought forward and cancelled (5 – 6)	80 510
8. Appropriations carried forward	609 737
9. Appropriations cancelled (1 – 4 – 8)	141 757

2. Grants a discharge to the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, on the basis of the report of the Court of Auditors, in respect of the accounts for the 1982 financial year;

3. Instructs its President to communicate this decision and the attached comments to the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, to the Council and the Commission and to the Court of Auditors and to arrange for their publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done on 10 April 1984.

The Secretary-General

H.-J. OPITZ

The President

Pieter DANKERT

RESOLUTION

embodying the comments accompanying the decision granting a discharge to the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training in respect of its revenue and expenditure accounts for the 1982 financial year

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

Having regard to the report of the Court of Auditors on the 1982 accounts (Doc. 1-1270/83),

Having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (Doc. 1-1335/83),

1. Asks the Commission and the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training to take the necessary measures to comply with the following comments and calls on the Commission to submit a written report by 1 November 1984 on the follow-up to these comments;

Inventory

2. Notes the improvements in the inventory of the Centre and trusts that these improvements will be maintained;

Accounting matters

3. Believes that the Centre, in future, despite certain averred technical difficulties, should complete the annual accounts more speedily as recommended by the Court of Auditors;

Publications

4. Calls on the Centre to review its mailing list by asking the recipients periodically to confirm whether they wish to continue to receive mailings;

Research contracts

5. Reflects that the limited spread of use of research establishments in certain Member States is far too narrow and calls on the Centre to seek to widen this spread;

Other contracts

6. Believes that the contracts for the supply of goods and services to the Centre should be subject to the financial provisions applying to the Centre in the matter of issuing of invitations to tender and awarding of resulting contracts and urges that this requirement be observed in future;

Financial provisions

7. Expects that the Centre will produce recommendations for the revision of its financial provisions as far as tendering systems for research contracts are concerned and also will put forward any other suggestions for amendments considered to be useful;

Analysis of expenditure

8. Asks the Centre to require the recipients of research contracts to complete a standard form of contract designed by the Centre to include the expense breakdown of the contract so as to satisfy the wishes of the Court of Auditors. .
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DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**of 10 April 1984****on the granting of a discharge to the Commission of the European Communities in respect of the activities of the second and third European Development Funds in the 1982 financial year****(84/331/EEC)**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

Having regard to the report of the Court of Auditors for the financial year 1982 accompanied by the replies of the institutions ⁽¹⁾ (Doc. 1-1270/83),

Having regard to the balance sheets and the revenue and expenditure accounts of the European Development Funds for the financial year 1982,

Having regard to the report by the Committee on Budgetary Control and to the opinion of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 1-118/84),

Whereas the Treaty of 22 July 1975 authorizes the European Parliament to grant discharge in respect of the financial activities of the Community,

1. Grants the Commission a discharge in respect of the implementation of the appropriations on the revenue and expenditure account of the second and third European Development Funds in the financial year 1982;

2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Commission and to the other institutions and to ensure that it is published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done on 10 April 1984.

The Secretary-General

H.-J. OPITZ

The President

Pieter DANKERT

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 357, 31. 12. 1983, p. 1.

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**of 10 April 1984****on the granting of a discharge to the Commission of the European Communities in respect of the activities of the fourth European Development Fund in the 1982 financial year****(84/332/EEC)**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 206b thereof,

Having regard to the First ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas the Treaty of 22 July 1975 empowers Parliament to grant a discharge on the financial activities of the Community,

Having regard to the administrative accounts, the balance sheets and the report in respect of the fourth European Development Fund,

Having regard to the report of the Court of Auditors for the financial year 1982 accompanied by the replies of the institutions ⁽²⁾ (Doc. 1-1270/83),

Having regard to the report by the Committee on Budgetary Control and to the opinion of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 1-118/84),

1. Grants a discharge to the Commission, on the basis of the revenue and expenditure examined by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 206a (1) of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, in respect of the following amounts entered in the revenue and expenditure account of the 1982 financial year :

- revenue : 670 304 597,57 ECU,
- expenditure (payments) : 305 551 869,89 ECU;

2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Commission and to the other institutions and to ensure that it is published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done on 10 April 1984.

The Secretary-General

H.-J. OPITZ

The President

Pieter DANKERT

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 25, 30. 1. 1976, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 357, 31. 12. 1983, p. 1.

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**of 10 April 1984****on the granting of a discharge to the Commission of the European Communities in respect of the activities of the fifth European Development Fund in the 1982 financial year****(84/333/EEC)**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 206b thereof,

Having regard to the Second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas the Treaty of 22 July 1975 empowers Parliament to grant a discharge on the financial activities of the Community,

Having regard to the administrative accounts, the balance sheets and the report on the activities of the fifth European Development Fund,

Having regard to the report of the Court of Auditors for the financial year 1982 accompanied by the replies of the institutions ⁽²⁾ (Doc. 1-1270/83),

Having regard to the report by the Committee on Budgetary Control and to the opinion of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 1-118/84),

1. Grants a discharge to the Commission, on the basis of the revenue and expenditure examined by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 206a (1) of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, in respect of the following amounts entered in the revenue and expenditure account of the 1982 financial year :

— revenue : 72 563 902,00 ECU,

— expenditure (payments) : 330 107 542,72 ECU;

2. Points out that the non-budgetization of the European Development Fund means that certain questions relating to management and financial discipline, such as the overdue payment of contributions by Member States, cannot be solved effectively, and that this has an effect on the total appropriation available under the European Development Fund;

3. Points out also that the discharge is given only on the condition that the Commission firmly maintains its proposal for the budgetization of the sixth European Development Fund;

4. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Commission and to the other institutions and to ensure that it is published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done on 10 April 1984.

The Secretary-General

H.-J. OPITZ

The President

Pieter DANKERT

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 347, 22. 12. 1980, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 357, 31. 12. 1983, p. 1.

RESOLUTION

containing the comments accompanying the decisions on the discharge in respect of the implementation of European Development Fund operations for the 1982 financial year

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

1. Voices yet again the criticism that the European Development Fund has still not been included in the general budget of the European Communities and, save for the discharge, is therefore not subject to parliamentary decisions;
2. Insists that the Commission should draw all the appropriate conclusions from the failure of the Sibiti-Niari valley road project and report to Parliament; stresses that this is an atypical, extreme case which is by no means characteristic of Community development policy which on the whole has achieved very favourable results;
3. Criticises the cumbersome administrative procedure for granting support from the European Development Fund and calls for thoroughgoing improvements under the new Convention;
4. Insists that the Commission should exercise its responsibility to administer loans and only transfer responsibility for technical details to the European Investment Bank;
5. Recommends that, where necessary, more rapid procedures should be used to grant aid in accordance with the Second Lomé Convention;
6. Regrets the lack of flexibility in the financial instruments set up by the Lomé Convention which make it more difficult to solve the problems associated with Stabex transfers;
7. Calls on the Member States to pay their financial contributions on time and calls on the Commission to do everything in its power to claim compensation for the loss of interest from Member States which are slow to pay;
8. Urges that the proposals in the report drawn up by Mr Michel on the assessment of Community development policy and the role of the European Parliament should be implemented and that retrospective assessments of European Development Fund projects should be carried out far more than in the past;
9. Calls on the Commission to exercise far better control of the special agencies in the Member States which are responsible for paying grants under the European Development Fund, the Mediterranean agreements and aid for the benefit of non-associated developing countries;
10. Calls for simplified procedures for granting aid to ACP States which take part in trade fairs;
11. Requests the European Investment Bank to provide more comprehensive information in future on the use of European Development Fund resources which it administers on behalf of the Community as these are important for control and thus for the discharge procedure, and as greater transparency is in the interests of all those involved;

12. Notes with surprise the assertion by the Court of Auditors ⁽¹⁾ that, in the case of resources administered by the European Investment Bank, tenders for projects paid for from the Community budget or European Development Fund resources were invited not only from ACP and EEC countries but also countries in which the European Investment Bank obtains its resources, including the United States and Japan; calls on its Committee on Budgetary Control to clarify this matter.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 260, 12. 10. 1981, p. 72.

