COUNCIL DECISION

of 18 June 1973

adopting a research programme for the European Economic Community on the protection of the environment (direct project)

(73/174/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 235 thereof;

Having regard to the Proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Having regard to the Council Resolution of 17 December 1970 [1] on the procedure for adopting research and education programmes;

Whereas Article 3 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community lays down that the activities of the Community shall include the elimination, as between Member States, of customs duties and of quantitative restrictions on the import and export of goods, and of all other measures having equivalent effect, the institution of a system ensuring that competition in the common market is not distorted, and also the approximation of the laws of Member States to the extent required for the proper functioning of the common market; whereas the activities specified in the Annex to this Decision are necessary, among others, for achieving these objectives and promoting, in accordance with Article 2 of the same Treaty, a harmonious development of economic activities throughout the Community and an improvement in living and working conditions in the Member States;

Whereas therefore the research projects which are the subject of this Decision appear necessary in order to achieve certain Community objectives in the operation of the common market;

Whereas the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community made no provision for the powers required for these purposes;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

A European Economic Community research programme on the protection of the environment, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted for a period of four years beginning on 1 January 1973. The Annex forms an integral part of this Decision.

Article 2

The maximum expenditure commitment and number of staff required for the implementation of this programme shall be 2·85 million units of account and 30 staff, the unit of account being defined in Article 10 of the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 [2] applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 3

The Commission shall be responsible for the implementation of this programme and, to this end, shall avail itself of the facilities of the Joint Research Centre. It shall submit an annual report to the Council on the subject.

Article 4

The programme defined in the Annex shall be subject to review at the beginning of the second year, then annually, in accordance with the appropriate procedures, and in the light of the decisions of the Paris Summit Conference.

Article 5

Knowledge gained from the implementation of those parts of the programme defined in the Annex shall be disseminated in accordance with the conditions and within the limits to be laid down at a future date.

Done at Luxembourg, 18 June 1973.

For the Council

The President

A. LAVENS

[1] OJ No L 16, 20. 1. 1971, p. 13.

[2] OJ No L 116, 1. 5. 1973, p. 1.

ANNEX

DIRECT PROJECT

NON-NUCLEAR PROJECT

Environmental protection

JOINT PROGRAMME

A maximum amount of 2·85 million units of account, and a staff of 30 (including 18 programme staff), shall be allocated to this objective.

The objective, which supplements the programme adopted by the Council in the same field on 14 May 1973 (1), shall include:

— optimization of the operation of the data bank on chemical products in the environment,

— definition of criteria of compatibility of new industrial products with the environment (environment 'label', assessment and technical tests),

— study of the thermal balance in an urban system.

These activities will be carried out by the Ispra Establishment.

(1) OJ No L 153, 9. 6. 1973, p. 11.