COUNCIL DECISION

of 18 June 1973

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

(73/180/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;

Whereas Article 3 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community lays down that the activities of the Community shall include the elimination of customs duties and quantitative restrictions on the import and export of goods between Member States and of all other measures having equivalent effect, the institution of a system ensuring that competition in the Common Market is not distorted and 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 those objectives and promoting, in accordance with Article 2 of the same Treaty, a harmonious development of economic actitivities throughout the Community, and an improvement in living and working conditions in the Member States;

Whereas, therefore, the research activities 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 makes no provision for the powers required for these purposes,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

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

Article 2

The maximum expenditure commitment and the number of staff required for the implementation of this programme shall be 6·3 million units of account and four staff, the unit of account being defined in Article 10 of the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 [1] applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 3

The Commission shall be responsible for the implementation of these programmes on which it shall submit an Annual Report to the Council.

Article 4

The programme set out in the Annex shall be subject to review at the beginning of the second year, 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 set out in the Annex shall be disseminated according to conditions and within 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 116, 1. 5. 1973, p. 1.

ANNEX

INDIRECT PROJECT

NON-NUCLEAR PROJECTS

Protection of the environment

Pollution

JOINT PROGRAMME

A maximum amount of 6·3 million units of account, and a staff of four, shall be allocated to this objective.

The objective shall deal with the following subjects:

(a) The establishment of a data bank on chemical products likely to contaminate the environment;

(b) Harmful effects of lead;

(c) Epidemiological surveys of the effects of air and water pollution;

(d) Effects of micro-pollutants on man;

(e) Appraisal of the ecological effects of water pollution;

(f) Tele-detection of air pollution.

Surveys and laboratory work shall be carried out under contract.