COUNCIL DECISION

of 25 July 1977

on action by the European Social Fund for migrant workers and handicapped persons

(77/476/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Decison 71/66/EEC of 1 February 1971 on the reform of the European Social Fund (1), and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (2),

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (3),

Whereas the period referred to in the second paragraph of Article 4 of Council Decision 74/327/EEC of 27 June 1974 on action by the European Social Fund for migrant workers (4) and in the second paragraph of Article 4 of Council Decision 74/328/EEC of 27 June 1974 on action by the European Social Fund for handicapped persons (5) expired on 14 July 1977;

Whereas any interruption in the financing of operations under Decisions 74/327/EEC and 74/328/EEC should be avoided, without prejudice to the application of Article 11 of Decision 71/66/EEC,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Articles 1, 2 and 3 of Decisions 74/327/EEC and 74/328/EEC shall continue to apply to operations of which the draft has received the approval of the Commission before 31 December 1977.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

It shall apply from 15 July 1977.

Done at Brussels, 25 July 1977.

For the Council

The President

H. SIMONET

(1) OJ No L 28, 4. 2. 1971, p. 15.
(2) OJ No C 133, 6. 6. 1977, p. 39.
(3) OJ No C 126, 28. 5. 1977, p. 2.
(4) OJ No L 185, 9. 7. 1974, p. 20.
(5) OJ No L 185, 9. 7. 1974, p. 22.