COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 June 1978

establishing an Advisory Committee on Industrial Research and Development

(78/636/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the guidelines for a common policy in the field of Science and Technology,

Whereas the Commission intends to increase industrial research during the next few years ;

Whereas industrial research and development affects working conditions and employment,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

1. There is hereby established, and attached to the Commission, an Advisory Committee on Industrial Research and Development, hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee'.

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of European organizations competent in the field of industrial research and development.

Article 2

Either at the Commission's request or on its own initiative, the Committee shall provide the Commission with opinions on all problems connected with the following matters :

(a) Aspects of research and development involving relations between the Commission and Community industry which are of a horizontal nature, in particular : the designing of Community policy on industrial research and development ; improvement of the exchange of information between industry and the Commission on a reciprocal basis.

(b) Guidelines for the research and development programmes of industrial interest which the Commission might propose to the Council. The Committee shall help to ensure appropriate contacts with Community federations of industry, where such contacts do not already exist.

(c) Research contract projects of industrial interest for which the Commission provides financial assistance [1].

(d) Research and development activity by European industries, useful for defining a common policy in the field of science and technology.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall comprise 25 members.

2. The seats shall be allocated as follows :

15 members of the Union of Industries of the European Community (UNICE) [2], two each for Belgium, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom and one each for Denmark, Ireland and Luxembourg ;

four members of the European Centre for Public Enterprise (ECPE) [3] ;

three members of the Federation of European Industrial Cooperative Research Associations (FEICRO) [4] ;

three members of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) [5].

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[1] By virtue of the decision to be taken by the Council under the common science and technology policy (see Commission communication to the Council of 30. 6. 1977, OJ No C 187, 5. 8. 1977).
[2] Address : 6, rue de Loxum, 1000 Brussels.
[3] Address : 15, rue de la Charité, 1040 Brussels.
[4] Address : 47, Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EQ.
[5] Address : 37, rue Montagne aux Herbes Potagères, 1000 Brussels.

3. Eight persons belonging to the following organizations may attend the Committee's meetings as observers :

three observers from the European Research and Development Committee (CERD) set up by the Commission on 14 February 1973 ;

one observer from the European Industrial Research Management Association (EIRMA) (1) ;

one observer from the UNICE secretariat ;

one observer from the ECPE secretariat ;

one observer from the FEICRO secretariat ;

one observer from the ETUC secretariat.

Article 4

The members and observers of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission after consultation with their respective organizations.

Article 5

The term of office of a Committee member and an observer shall be two years. It shall be renewable.

After expiry of the two year period, Committee members and observers shall remain in office until they have been replaced or their term has been renewed.

The appointment of a member or observer shall be terminated before the end of the two year period if such member or observer resigns, ceases to belong to the organization he represents, or dies. The appointment of a member or observer may also be terminated if the organization which proposed him as a candidate requests that he be replaced.

He shall be replaced for the remainder of his term in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 4.

His duties shall not entitle him to remuneration.

Article 6

The list of members and observers shall be published by the Commission for information purposes in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

Article 7

After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman for a period of two years. Election shall be by a majority of two thirds of the members present.

The chairman shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 8

The Committee may invite any person with special qualifications in respect of an item on the agenda to participate in its work as an expert.

Such experts shall participate only in the discussions of the items on account of which they were invited.

Article 9

The Committee may set up working parties.

Article 10

1. The Committee shall meet at Commission headquarters.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee and of its working parties.

3. The relevant departments of the Commission shall provide secretarial services for the Committee and its working parties.

Article 11

The Commission when requesting an opinion from the Committee may fix a date by which the opinion shall be delivered.

Article 12

Without prejudice to Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs the members of the Committee that an opinion requested or a question raised touches upon confidential matters, such members shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working parties.

In such cases only the members of the Committee and the representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall attend the meetings.

Article 13

This Decision shall enter into force on 29 June 1978.

Done at Brussels, 29 June 1978.

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