COUNCIL DECISION

of 20 January 1981

amending Decision 78/167/EEC adopting a concerted project of the European Economic Community in the field of registration of congenital abnormalities (medical and public health research)

(81/21/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 (1),

Whereas by Decision 78/167/EEC (2) the Council adopted a concerted project of the European Economic Community in the field of registration of congenital abnormalities (medical and public health research);

Whereas, in view of the current stage reached in the work provided for under the concerted project, an extension of the said project by one year would enable the best advantage to be obtained from the national efforts being made; whereas Decision 78/167/EEC should therefore be amended,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Decision 78/167/EEC shall be amended as follows:

(1) In the first paragraph of Article 1 the term 'a period of three years' shall be replaced by 'a period of four years';

(2) Annex I shall be replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 20 January 1981.

For the Council

The President

Ch. A. van der KLAAUW

(1) OJ No C 346, 31. 12. 1980, p. 95.
(2) OJ No L 52, 23. 2. 1978, p. 20.

ANNEX

'ANNEX I

RESEARCH PROGRAMME RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF CONGENITAL ABNORMALITIES

(concerted project)

The research will be carried out with the purpose of acquiring scientific and technical knowledge in this field, selected for its importance at Community level.

The research is expected to cover the following topics:

1. Registration of congenital malformations as well as of inherited biochemical and chromosome abnormalities in selected regions of the Community.

2. Registration of twins and multiple pregnancies in selected regions of the Community.

3. Relevant methodological studies in order to obtain an optimal coordination of both existing national registers and registration procedures.

The coordination will include the following regional registers of the Member States:

Belgium: Brugge and Hainaut
Denmark: Odense
France: Paris and Morlaix
Germany: West Berlin and Hessen
Greece: Evia
Ireland: Dublin and Galway
Italy: Tuscany, Rome and Emilia-Romagna
Luxembourg: Luxembourg
Netherlands: Groningen
United Kingdom: Belfast, Glasgow and Liverpool.

These countries will contribute research under the three topics mentioned above.'