# COMMISSION DECISION

**of 31 December 1980**

**on the grant of financial assistance within the framework of the supplementary measures established in favour of the United Kingdom (north-west of England)**

**(Only the English text is authentic)**

(81/26/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2744/80 of 27 October 1980 establishing supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom [1],

Whereas, in accordance with Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2744/80, the United Kingdom has submitted a special programme for the north-west of England;

Whereas the sub-programmes, involved in this special programme and eligible under Article 3 of the said Regulation, concerning roads, railways, water and sewerage, advance factories and telecommunications should receive assistance; whereas the Community's financial contribution to the sub-programmes set out in the Annex hereto should be fixed at 30 %, 30 %, 30 %, 20 % and 30 % respectively of the payments made and estimated by the United Kingdom authorities in the year commencing 1 April 1980;

Whereas on 6 November 1980 the Council decided, under Article 5 of the said Regulation, to authorize the Commission to make advance payments available to the United Kingdom in 1980 up to the amount of 222 200 000 EUA so that advance payments totalling 200 million EUA can be made by 31 December 1980 at the latest;

Whereas all the conditions set out in the said Regulation for granting financial assistance to these sub-programmes are met;

Whereas the measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee to which reference is made in Article 7 of the said Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Financial assistance is hereby granted to the sub-programmes forming part of the special programme for the north-west of England, which are set out in the Annex hereto. The sum to be granted to each sub-programme is given in the same Annex.

An amount of 101 400 000 EUA (± £ 56 900 000) is granted and is to be covered by the appropriations made for this purpose in the 1980 budget.

An amount of 64 300 000 EUA, to be covered by the 1981 budget, will be the subject of a decision to be taken as soon as the appropriations are available.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 31 December 1980.

*For the Commission*

Antonio GIOLITTI

*Member of the Commission*

[1] OJ No L 284, 29. 10. 1980, p. 4.

*ANNEX*

## SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE NORTH-WEST OF ENGLAND

1. SUB-PROGRAMME : ROADS

| | |
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| Payments made and estimated by the United Kingdom spending authorities from 1 April 1980 to 31 March 1981 : | £ 53 million |
| *Spending authorities :* Department of Transport | £ 53 million |
| *Grant decision :* | 30 % |
| | £ 15·9 million |

2. SUB-PROGRAMME : RAILWAYS

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| Payments made and estimated by the United Kingdom spending authorities from 1 April 1980 to 31 March 1981 : | £ 40 million |
| *Spending authorities :* British Rail | £ 40 million |
| *Grant decision :* | 30 % |
| | £ 12 million |

3. SUB-PROGRAMME : WATER AND SEWERAGE

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| Payments made and estimated by the United Kingdom spending authorities from 1 April 1980 to 31 March 1981 : | £ 52 million |
| *Spending authorities :* North-West Water Authority | £ 52 million |
| *Grant decision :* | 30 % |
| | £ 15·6 million |

4. SUB-PROGRAMME : ADVANCE FACTORIES

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|---|---|
| Payments made and estimated by the United Kingdom spending authorities from 1 April 1980 to 31 March 1981 : | £ 4 million |
| *Spending authorities :* English Industrial Estates Corporation | £ 4 million |
| *Grant decision :* | 20 % |
| | £ 0·8 million |

5. SUB-PROGRAMME : TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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|---|---|
| Payments made and estimated by the United Kingdom spending authorities from 1 April 1980 to 31 March 1981 : | £ 162 million |
| *Spending authorities :* Post Office | £ 162 million |
| *Grant decision :* | 30 % |
| | £ 48·6 million |