DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

of 10 April 1984

on the granting of a discharge to the Commission of the European Communities in respect of the activities of the fifth European Development Fund in the 1982 financial year

(84/333/EEC)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Comunity, and in particular Article 206b thereof,

Having regard to the Second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé (1),

Whereas the Treaty of 22 July 1975 empowers Parliament to grant a discharge on the financial activities of the Community,

Having regard to the administrative accounts, the balance sheets and the report on the activities of the fifth European Development Fund,

Having regard to the report of the Court of Auditors for the financial year 1982 accompanied by the replies of the institutions (2) (Doc. 1-1270/83),

Having regard to the report by the Committee on Budgetary Control and to the opinion of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 1-118/84),

1. Grants a discharge to the Commission, on the basis of the revenue and expenditure examined by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 206a (1) of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, in respect of the following amounts entered in the revenue and expenditure account of the 1982 financial year :

— revenue : 72 563 902,00 ECU,

— expenditure (payments) : 330 107 542,72 ECU;

2. Points out that the non-budgetization of the European Development Fund means that certain questions relating to management and financial discipline, such as the overdue payment of contributions by Member States, cannot be solved effectively, and that this has an effect on the total appropriation available under the European Development Fund;

3. Points out also that the discharge is given only on the condition that the Commission firmly maintains its proposal for the budgetization of the sixth European Development Fund;

4. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Commission and to the other institutions and to ensure that it is published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done on 10 April 1984.

The Secretary-General

H.-J. OPITZ

The President

Pieter DANKERT

(1) OJ No L 347, 22. 12. 1980, p. 2.

(2) OJ No C 357, 31. 12. 1983, p. 1.