EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DECISION

of 31 March 1998

giving discharge to the Commission in respect of the financial management of the sixth European Development Fund for the financial year 1996

(98/329/EC)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

— Having regard to the EC Treaty,

— Having regard to the third ACP-EEC Convention [1],

— Having regard to the balance sheets and revenue and expenditure accounts of the sixth and seventh European Development Funds for the 1996 financial year (SEC(97) 0938 — C4-0274/97),

— Having regard to the report and the Statement of Assurance of the Court of Auditors concerning the financial year 1996 and the replies of the institutions [2],

— Having regard to the Recommendation of the Council of 9 March 1998 (C4-0167/98),

— Having regard to the report of the Committte on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (A4-0091/98),

1. Gives discharge to the Commission in respect of the financial management of the sixth European Development Fund for the financial year 1996 on the basis of the following amounts:

BALANCE SHEET OF THE SIXTH EDF AT 31 DECEMBER 1996

(ECU 1 000)

ASSETS	SITUATION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1996
Grants	4 130 078
Loans	924 402
Stabex	1 451 123
Sysmin	95 855
Administrative costs	2 340
SUBTOTAL	**6 603 798**
Liquid assets	402 493
Other current assets	879 573
Items under verification	33 816
TOTAL	**7 919 680**
LIABILITIES	
Contributions called up	7 560 000
Other income	539 838
Transfers to the seventh EDF	– 180 158
Amount due to the sixth EDF	—
Other debtors (interest under verification)	—
TOTAL	**7 919 680**

[1] OJ L 86, 31. 3. 1986.
[2] JO C 348, 18. 11. 1997 (Volume I, Chapter 12 and Volume II, Part II).

USE OF RESOURCES — SIXTH EDF AT 31 DECEMBER 1996

Breakdown of funds

	Initial appropriation	Resources or reductions at 31 December 1996	Resources or reductions during 1996	New situation
Total ACP	7 400 000 000,00	380 554 371,58	35 599 450,38	7 816 153 821,96
Total OCT	100 000 000,00	3 526 646,39	0,00	103 526 646,39
Total	7 500 000 000,00	384 081 017,97	35 599 450,38	7 919 680 468,35

2. Records its observations in the resolution which forms part of this Decision;

3. Instructs its President to forward this Decision and the resolution containing its observations to the Commission, the Council, the Court of Auditors and the European Investment Bank and to have them published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* (L series).

The Secretary-General
Julian PRIESTLEY

The President
José María GIL-ROBLES