DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

of 4 May 1999

giving discharge to the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training in respect of the implementation of its budget for the 1997 financial year

(1999/433/EC)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

— Having regard to the EC Treaty and in particular Article 276 thereof,

— Having regard to the report of the Court of Auditors on the financial statements and management of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop — Salonica) for the 1997 financial year and the Centre's reply thereto (C4-0053/99) [1],

— Having regard to the Council Recommendation of 11 February 1999 (5912/99 — C4-0148/99),

— Having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A4-0163/99),

A. Whereas the Court of Auditors finds that the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 1997 are reliable and the underlying transactions are, as a whole, legal and regular;

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training:

1997 FINANCIAL YEAR	*(ECU 1 000)*
(a) **Revenue**	**13 808**
1. Subsidy from the Commission	13 522
2. Miscellaneous revenue	152
3. Revenue from services rendered against payment	134
(b) **Expenditure**	**13 931**
Staff expenditure	
1. Payments for the year	5 579
2. Appropriations carried over	541
Administrative expenditure	
1. Payments for the year	981
2. Appropriations carried over	2 067
Operating expenditure	
1. Payments for the year	2 544
2. Appropriations carried over	2 204
Appropriations carried over	
(Article 6(3) and Article 3(2))	15
Balance for the year	**0**
Outturn for the year (a) — (b)	— 123
Appropriations carried over from the previous year and annuled	199
Exchange differences for the year	— 61
Appropriations carried over (Article 6(3) and Article 3(2))	— 1
Cancellation of established entitlement	— 14

[1] OJ C 406, 28.12.1998, p. 1.

2. Welcomes the introduction of a new budgetary and accounting system, steps taken to reduce reliance on imprest accounts, the adoption of a new staff policy and the submission of bi-annual progress reports to Parliament on the state of new premises which the Centre will occupy in 1999;

3. Gives discharge to the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training in respect of the implementation of its budget for the 1997 financial year;

4. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the Council, the Commisson and the Court of Auditors and to have it published in the Official Journal (L series).

The Secretary-General
Julian PRIESTLEY

The President
José María GIL-ROBLES