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— having regard to the special report of the Court of Auditors on the management and control of interest-rate subsidies by the Commission with the Commission's replies [1],

— having regard to the ECSC Treaty, and in particular Article 78g thereof,

— having regard to Rule 93 and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A5-0092/2000),

1. Proposes granting discharge to the Commission in respect of management of the ECSC for the 1998 financial year, but requires the following reports to be submitted before 15 August 2000:

(a) a report by OLAF on the follow-up to allegations of fraud communicated in November 1998 to the Commission and transmitted to the Guardia di Finanza in Italy in October 1999

(b) an evaluation report by the Commission on buildings acquired with ECSC funds, including criteria used and explanations as to why and how buildings were acquired and disposed of

(c) an evaluation report by the Commission on loans granted to officials from ECSC funds, including criteria used and explanations as to who decided on the granting of loans and the category and nationality of officials who benefited from loans;

2. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution containing its comments to the Commission, the Council, the Court of Auditors, the ECSC Consultative Committee and each of the other institutions and to have them published in the Official Journal (L series).

[1] OJ C 217, 29.7.1999.

II.

European Parliament decision closing the accounts in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) for the 1998 financial year (C5-0153/2000 — 2000/2077(DEC))

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the report of the European Court of Auditors on the financial statements of the European Coal and Steel Community at 31 December 1998 [1],

— having regard to the Court of Auditors' Annual Report on the ECSC for the financial year 1998 (including the statement of assurance concerning the ECSC), together with the Commission's reply (C5-0153/2000) [2],

— having regard to the ECSC Treaty, and in particular Article 78g thereof,

— having regard to Rule 93 and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A5-0092/2000),

1. Notes that the ECSC balance sheet, profit and loss accounts and implementation of the ECSC operating budget for the 1998 financial year amounted to:

[1] OJ C 240, 25.8.1999, p. 24.
[2] OJ C 338, 25.11.1999.

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ECSC BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 1998

(All figures in euro)

	31 December 1998	31 December 1997
ASSETS		
Balance with central banks	27 373	555 027
Loans/advances to credit institutions	1 655 753 225	2 120 510 437
Loans/advances to customers	1 680 676 255	1 925 994 228
Bonds/other fixed income securities	1 559 191 292	1 623 506 318
Tangible and intangible assets	1 293 461	2 623 844
Other assets	8 083 389	87 399 574
Prepayments and accrued income	121 505 439	169 427 311
TOTAL ASSETS	**5 026 530 434**	**5 930 016 739**
Off balance sheet commitments	372 924 076	590 786 635
LIABILITIES		
Amounts owed to credit institutions	1 847 547 032	2 277 710 073
Debts evidenced by certificates	958 179 659	1 359 610 749
Other liabilities	29 591 303	12 788 060
Accruals and deferred income	93 919 208	121 190 289
Provisions for liabilities and charges	122 906 181	87 376 377
Commitments for ECSC operating budget	695 662 822	853 779 193
Total liabilities vis-à-vis third parties	**3 747 806 205**	**4 712 454 741**
Provisions for financing operating budget	476 042 442	441 712 926
Provisions for large exposures	23 000 000	27 000 000
Reserves	777 340 723	745 678 210
Value adjustment reserve	0	313 119
Surplus brought forward	1 195 230	537 606
Surplus for the financial year	1 145 834	2 320 137
Net total	**1 278 724 229**	**1 217 561 998**
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**5 026 530 434**	**5 930 016 739**
Off balance sheet commitments	497 605 519	712 444 915

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1998

(All figures in euro)

	31 December 1998	31 December 1997
CHARGES		
Interest payable and similar charges	232 061 730	331 419 509
Commissions payable	561 449	844 743
Net losses on financial operations	73 457 022	15 931 380
Administrative expenditure	5 000 000	5 000 000
Value adjustments (tangible assets)	407 994	573 251
Other operating charges	267 708	382 650
Value adjustments (loans/advances/provisions)	62 437 283	9 190 689
Total operating charges	**374 193 186**	**363 342 222**
Extraordinary charges	137 845	580 380
Conversion difference	2 735 343	746 892
Legal commitments for the financial year	153 992 955	180 869 553
Allocation to provision for operating budget	26 000 000	274 000 000
Allocation to the guarantee fund	30 000 000	31 256 356
Total charges	**587 059 329**	**850 795 403**
Surplus for the financial year	1 145 834	2 320 137
TOTAL	**588 205 163**	**853 115 540**

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	31 December 1998	31 December 1997
INCOME		
Interest received and similar income	346 079 959	420 240 962
Net profit on financial operations	24 526 800	13 235 896
Value adjustment (loans/advances/provisions)	67 963 378	46 198 844
Other operating income	2 729 291	22 507 685
Total operating income	**441 321 690**	**502 183 387**
Withdrawal from the value adjustment reserve	313 119	746 892
Income relating to operating budget	146 570 354	301 054 072
Transfer from provision for operating budget	0	49 131 189
TOTAL INCOME	**588 205 163**	**853 115 540**

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECSC OPERATING BUDGET

(All figures in euro)

	31 December 1998	31 December 1997
OUT-TURN		
Expenditure:		
Administrative expenditure	5 000 000	5 000 000
Legal commitments	153 992 955	180 869 553
Financing of future operational budgets	26 000 000	274 000 000
Total	**184 992 955**	**459 869 553**
Revenue:		
Levy	0	101 640 567
Fines	6 686 169	0
Interest subsidies	4 808 477	4 168 145
Miscellaneous	831 970	0
Cancellations of legal commitment	134 243 738	195 235 395
Surplus from previous budget	0	49 131 189
Net balance for the year	38 422 601	109 694 257
Total	**184 992 955**	**459 869 553**
BUDGET OUT-TURN	**0**	**0**
RESULT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR		
Result from non-budgetary operations after deducting the net balance allocated to the operating budget	31 145 834	33 576 493
Out-turn of the budget	0	0
Total	**31 145 834**	**33 576 493**
Allocation to provision for operating budget	0	0
Allocation to the Guarantee Fund	– 30 000 000	– 31 256 356
RESULT BEFORE ALLOCATION	**1 145 834**	**2 320 137**

2. Closes the accounts relating to the implementation of the general budget of the ECSC for the 1998 financial year;

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