

COUNCIL DECISION

of 5 April 1977

giving a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the Development Fund for the overseas countries and territories (1st Fund) for the 1973 financial year

(77/317/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Implementing Convention on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the Community, annexed to the Treaty,

Having regard to Regulation No 5 laying down detailed provisions relating to the collection and transfer of financial contributions, the budgeting and administration of the resources of the Development Fund for the overseas countries and territories ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 16 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation No 6 relating to the responsibility of authorizing and accounting officers for the resources of the Development Fund for the overseas countries and territories ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the Council Decision of 30 May 1972 on the transfer and utilization of the unexpended balance of the Development Fund for the overseas countries and territories set up by the Implementing Convention annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts, the statement and the summary of operations of the Development Fund for the overseas countries and territories (1st Fund) as at 31 December 1973 ⁽³⁾,

Having regard to the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the 1973 financial year, to which report are annexed the Commission's replies to the comments made by the Audit Board, and in particular the second part of this report, which deals with the Development Funds,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament of 14 December 1976,

Recalling that, in accordance with the provisions applicable to the implementation of the Development Fund for the overseas countries and territories (1st Fund), only the Council, acting by a qualified majority, shall give a discharge to the Commission in respect of the financial administration of the Fund;

Whereas an advance of 25 331 479.75 units of account has been paid to the European Development Fund (1963) (2nd EDF);

Whereas the overall implementation by the Commission of the operations of the first Development Fund during the 1973 financial year was such as to warrant its being given a discharge in respect of the implementation of these operations,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Council closes the revenue and expenditure accounts of the Development Fund for the overseas countries and territories (1st Fund) as at 31 December 1973 as follows:

Revenue

at the sum of 581 520 065.62 units of account;

Expenditure (payments)

at the sum of 556 188 585.87 units of account.

Article 2

The Council hereby gives a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the Development Fund for the overseas countries and territories (1st Fund) for the 1973 financial year.

Done at Luxembourg, 5 April 1977.

For the Council

The President

D. OWEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 33, 31. 12. 1958, p. 681/58.

⁽²⁾ OJ No 33, 31. 12. 1958, p. 686/58.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 148, 27. 11. 1974, p. 15.