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**DECISION No 476/1999/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF
THE COUNCIL**
of 22 February 1999
**amending Decision No 2085/97/EC establishing a programme of support,
including translation, in the field of books and reading (Ariane)**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Community, and in particular Article 128 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the
Regions ⁽²⁾,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in
Article 189b of the Treaty ⁽³⁾,

Whereas Decision No 2085/97/EC of the European
Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾ establishes a programme
of support, including translation, in the field of books and
reading (the 'Ariane programme') for the period 1 January
1997 to 31 December 1998;

Whereas the third paragraph of Article 8 of that Decision
provides for any suitable measure to be taken to avoid
interruption of the programme;

Whereas the Commission presented a proposal to the
European Parliament and the Council on 28 May 1998
for a Decision establishing a single financing and
programming instrument for cultural cooperation for the
period 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2004;

Whereas, pending adoption of that proposal, there is a
need to ensure the continuity of cultural action by the
European Community in the areas covered by the Ariane
programme,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Decision No 2085/97/EC is hereby amended as follows:

1. in Article 1, '31 December 1998' shall be replaced by
'31 December 1999'.
2. in Article 6, 'ECU 7 million' shall be replaced by 'EUR
11,1 million'.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1999.

Done at Brussels, 22 February 1999.

*For the European
Parliament*

The President

J. M. GIL-ROBLES

For the Council

The President

K.-H. FUNKE

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 319, 16. 10. 1998, p. 13, and OJ C 372, 2. 12. 1998, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 51, 22. 2. 1999, p. 92.

⁽³⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 9 October 1998 (OJ C 328, 26. 10. 1998, p. 237), Council Common Position of 20 November 1998 (OJ C 404, 23. 12. 1998, p. 17) and Decision of the European Parliament of 17 December 1998 (not yet published in the Official Journal). Council Decision of 8 February 1999.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 291, 24. 10. 1997, p. 26.