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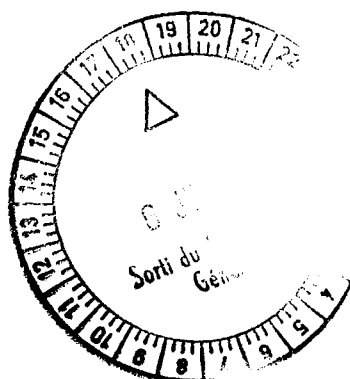
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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION

CONCLUDING A CONVENTION SUPPLEMENTING THE CONVENTION BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF
AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES (UNRWA) CONCERNING AID
TO REFUGEES IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE NEAR EAST

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

Explanatory memorandum

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As in 1982, the aid to be given to UNRWA for the period 1 January - 31 December 1983 pursuant to the Convention concluded with that body consists of three main components :

1. Education programme

At its meeting of 27 July 1982, the Council agreed in principle on the Commission's proposal for a "favourable response to the UNRWA's request that the Community provide the Agency with less food aid while broadening the range of products supplied and participate up to an amount of 16 MECU in the financing of the education programme implemented by UNRWA in both 1982 and 1983 under the UNRWA-EEC three-year Convention."

In order to implement this, on 21 December 1982 the Council decided, acting on a proposal from the Commission, to amend the EEC-UNRWA Convention for 1982.

The 16 MECU financing had been supplied by cancelling the food aid already allocated to UNRWA under the 1982 programmes (namely 42.000 t of cereals, 3.328 t of butteroil and 5.349 t of sugar), and by paying the Agency the equivalent of the value of these products, i.e. 16 MECU.

For 1983, although a specific article from which the UNRWA education programme (Article 959) could be financed has been included in the 1983 budget, there is a token entry under this article.

For this year again, 16 MECU will have to be released from the food aid appropriations (Chap. 92) and transferred to Article 959.

The Commission is considering proposing to the Council that this transfer be made from the following articles and items :

9201 - "Food aid in cereals - Current programme for cereals other than rice" : an amount equivalent to the cost of 42.000 t (corresponding to the same quantities as those cancelled in 1982), i.e. 6.455.000 ECU.

9211¹ - "Food aid in milk products - Current programme for milk powder" : an amount equivalent to the cost of 3.900 t of milk powder, i.e. 4 MECU.

¹The quantities of butteroil cannot be cancelled in 1983 as they were in 1982, since the programme for this product has been reduced by 8.500 t compared with 1982.

9222 - "Food aid in sugar - Food aid in the form of sugar for UNRWA" - 1,4 MECU, since the UNRWA does not want any sugar for 1983.

924 - "Food aid (other commodities)" - 4.145.000 MECU, the balance required to make up the 16 MECU financing.

2. Supplementary feeding programme

An appropriation of 4 MECU was entered in Article 926 of the 1983 Budget for this purpose.

3. Supplies in kind - supplementary feeding programme, feeding programme in training centres and programme for particularly needy cases

Under the various programmes, 1.418 t of milk powder, 939 t of butteroil and 1.549 t of various other products (tomato concentrates, burghol, preserved meat, olive oil, legumes) are to be supplied to UNRWA.

In the case of milk products, these quantities will be allocated to UNRWA as part of the 1983 food aid.

As for the range of other products (estimated cost 1.850.000 ECU), their supply will be financed from Article 924 "Food aid (other commodities)", which in 1983 amounted to 23 MECU.

In order to enable the Community to meet its commitments under these programmes, the Commission proposes that the Council adopt :

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- a Convention supplementing the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), annexed hereto, and covering the period 1 January - 31 December 1983.

PROGRESS MADE IN MEETING THE COMMITMENTS UNDER
THE EEC/UNRWA CONVENTION FOR 1982

I - Food aid in milk products

A. Basic rations programme

a. Skimmed milk powder (582 t)

M.V. BADRE	246 t	AQABA	3.12.1982
M.V. CONCORDIA	336 t	ASHDOD	21.12.1982

b. Butteroil (437 t)

M.V. EL COMMODORE	185 t	AQABA	29.11.1982
M.V. CAP ITEA	252 t	ASHDOD	29.12.1982

B. Supplementary feeding programme

a. Skimmed milk powder (1165 t)

M.V. YMIR	285 t	ASHDOD	5.12.1982
M.V. THUNAR	193 t	ASHDOD	21.01.1983
M.V. SEDGE	280 t	AQABA	27.02.1983
	107 t	ASHDOD)	shipment scheduled
	300 t	AQABA)	for May 1983

b. Butteroil (185 t)

M.V. EL COMMODORE	80 t	AQABA	29.11.1982
	105 t	ASHDOD	arrived end 1982

C. Feeding programme in training centres

a. Skimmed milk powder (48 t)

M.V. THUNAR	20 t	ASHDOD	21.01.1983
	28 t	AQABA	shipment scheduled May 1983

b. Butteroil (40 t)

M.V. EL COMMODORE	23 t	AQABA	29.11.1982
	17 t	ASHDOD	arrived end 1982

II - Food aid in sugar and a range of other products

Food aid in cash for the supplementary feeding programme

Education programme

Since the decision to amend the Convention between the EEC and UNRWA for 1982 was not taken until 21 December 1982, no products were supplied or payments made for either the supplementary feeding programme (4 MECU) or the education programme (16 MECU) until April 1983. The Commission has not yet received a report from UNRWA concerning the use of these funds.

In any event, the education programme, which in 1982 cost UNRWA a total of US \$109,480.000, included the financing of :

- primary schools, the breakdown being as follows :

	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Number of Children</u>
Jordan	213	131.359
West Bank	98	39.568
Gaza	141	77.354
Lebanon	82	32.181
Syria	113	49.478
	<u>647</u>	<u>329.940</u>

- vocational and training centres, the breakdown being as follows :

	<u>Number of students</u>
Jordan	1.593
West Bank	1.431
Gaza	594
Lebanon	219
Syria	711
	<u>4.548</u>

The Community's 16 MECU contribution was used under this programme.

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REFUGEES IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE NEAR EAST.

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Articles 43 and 235 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas a Convention concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the
Near East was concluded between the European Economic Community and the
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA)¹;

Whereas this Convention was amended on 21 December 1982², in order to take
account of the changing needs of refugees in receipt of assistance from
UNRWA;

Whereas this Convention should be supplemented for the period 1 January -
31 December 1983,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

The Convention supplementing the Convention between the European Economic

¹ OJ No L 392, 31.12.1981, p. 4

² OJ No L 371, 30.12.1982, p. 42

Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Near East is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Convention is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the persons empowered to sign the Convention in order to bind the Community.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

CONVENTION SUPPLEMENTING THE CONVENTION BETWEEN
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NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
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THE COUNTRIES OF THE NEAR EAST

Article 1

Annex III attached hereto shall be added to the Convention and forms an integral part thereof.

Article 2

This Convention is drawn up in two copies in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek and Italian languages, each version being equally authentic.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council of the European Communities,

For the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA)

ANNEX III

Period from 1 January to 31 December 1983

1. Contributions in kind

- Programme for distribution of rations to particularly needy cases

- 258 t of skimmed milk powder enriched with vitamins
- 630 t of butteroil
- 420 t of tomato paste
- 420 t of burghol
- 571 t of preserved meat

- Supplementary feeding programme

- 1.135 t of skimmed milk powder enriched with vitamins
- 257 t of butteroil

- Feeding programme in training centres

- 25 t of skimmed milk powder enriched with vitamins
- 52 t of butteroil
- 82 t of legumes
- 42 t of burghol
- 30 t of olive oil
- 23 t of tomato paste
- 3 t of tea

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2. Contributions in cash

- Programme for distribution of rations to particularly needy cases and feeding programme in training centres

- Sum paid per tonne of products received : US \$ 40

- Supplementary feeding programme

- Cash contribution to operating costs of supplementary feeding programme : Equivalent of 4 million ECU in US \$

- Education programme

- Contribution to financing of education programme : Equivalent to 16 million ECU in US \$

3. Foodstuffs to be bought on the Community market

- Corned beef : 495,420 t
- Tomato paste : 29,669 t

Done at Brussels,

For the Council of the European Communities,

For the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees