

COUNCIL DECISION**of 21 November 1977****giving a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (1969) (3rd EDF) for the financial year 1975**

(77/732/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Convention of Association between the European Economic Community and the African States and Madagascar associated with the Community ⁽¹⁾, signed at Yaoundé on 29 July 1969,

Having regard to Council Decision 70/549/EEC of 29 September 1970 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the internal Agreement on the financing and administration of Community aid ⁽³⁾, signed at Yaoundé on 29 July 1969, and in particular Article 22 thereof,

Having regard to the Financial Regulation of the European Development Fund (1969) set up under the Internal Agreement on the financing and administration of Community aid ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 7 and 8 thereof,

Having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts, the statement and the summary of operations of the European Development Fund (1969) (3rd EDF) as at 31 December 1975 ⁽⁵⁾,

Having regard to the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1975, to which report are annexed the Commission's replies to the comments made by the Audit Board,

Having regard to the resolution of the European Parliament of 7 July 1977,

Recalling that, in accordance with the provisions applicable to the implementation of the European Development Fund (1969) (3rd EDF), 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 revenue for the financial year 1975 consisted mainly of the contributions of the Member States,

amounting to 466 769 804.66 units of account, and of miscellaneous revenue of the Fund; whereas, moreover, an advance of 66 231 840.50 units of account was granted from the resources of the previous Funds;

Whereas the overall implementation by the Commission of the operations of the European Development Fund (1969) (3rd EDF) during the 1975 financial year was such as to warrant its being given a discharge in respect of the implementation of those operations,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Council closes the revenue and expenditure accounts of the European Development Fund (1969) (3rd EDF) as at 31 December 1975 as follows:

Revenue

at the sum of 537 443 071.59 units of account,

Expenditure (payments)

at the sum of 487 081 343.74 units of account.

Article 2

The Council states the position set out in the Annex hereto on comment 120 in the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1975.

Article 3

The Council hereby gives a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (1969) (3rd EDF) for the financial year 1975.

Done at Brussels, 21 November 1977.

For the Council

The President

H. SIMONET

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 282, 28. 12. 1970, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 282, 28. 12. 1970, p. 83.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 282, 28. 12. 1970, p. 47.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 31, 8. 2. 1971, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No C 282, 29. 11. 1976, p. 1.

*ANNEX***Council comment appended to the Decision giving a discharge in respect of the 3rd EDF
(financial year 1975)**

The Council makes the following statement on comment 120 of the Audit Board concerning resident and technical supervision

The Council requests the Commission to ensure the progressive integration of EAC officials under special contract into the statutory staff complement of the Commission.

It notes the intention of the Commission not to replace, by the granting of further special contacts, those EAC officials who have been so integrated.

The Council also takes this opportunity of requesting the Commission to submit as soon as possible an overall report on its delegation staffing policy in the context of contractual relations with the ACP States and the Mediterranean countries.
