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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 6 February 1979

amending Decision 74/120/EEC on the attainment of a high degree of convergency of the economic policies of the Member States of the European Economic Community

(79/136/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

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

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas the Council should periodically review the regional policy priorities and guidelines proposed by the Commission, on the basis of a report on social and economic trends in the regions of the Community;

Whereas this procedure should be included in that already laid down in Council Decision 74/120/EEC of 18 February 1974 on the attainment of a high degree of convergence of the economic policies of the Member States of the European Economic Community ⁽⁴⁾,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following Article shall be inserted in Decision 74/120/EEC:

'Article 4a

At two-and-a-half year intervals, coinciding every other time with the examination of medium-term economic policy programmes and starting in 1980 on the occasion of the third annual examination referred to in Article 4, the Council, after consulting the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee, shall examine a periodic report on the situation and socio-economic developments in the regions of the Community drawn up by the Commission in close collaboration with the Regional Policy Committee.

On the basis of this report, the Council shall discuss the priorities and guidelines proposed by the Commission.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 February 1979.

*For the Council**The President*

J. FRANÇOIS-PONCET

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 161, 9. 7. 1977, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 266, 7. 11. 1977, p. 35.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 292, 3. 12. 1977, p. 13, and OJ No C 84, 8. 4. 1978, p. 2.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 63, 5. 3. 1974, p. 16.