

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**of 18 February 1980****concerning the Advisory Committee on Programme Management for the Management and Storage of Radioactive Waste**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

HEREBY ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION:

1. In addition to the tasks laid down in paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the resolution of 18 July 1977 on advisory committees on research programme management, the Advisory Committee on Programme Management for the Management and Storage of Radioactive Waste shall be given the additional task of advising the Commission in connection with implementation of the Community plan of action on radioactive waste approved by the Council in its resolution of 18 February 1980.
2. The Committee shall deliver opinions separate from those referred to in the resolution of 18 July 1977 where they are concerned with implementation of the plan; these opinions shall be prepared by the secretariat and submitted for the Committee's approval. Any member of the Committee may request that his views be recorded in these opinions. Opinions shall be forwarded to the Commission and a copy sent to the Council.
3. For the purpose of carrying out the task referred to in paragraph 1 of this resolution, and notwithstanding paragraph 7 of the resolution of 18 July 1977, the Governments of the Member States and the Commission may, if they deem it advisable, appoint up to two experts per delegation to replace the members appointed for the management of the research programme.
4. The Advisory Committee on Programme Management for the Management and Storage of Radioactive Waste shall carry out the additional task referred to in this resolution, in accordance with the detailed rules specified, for the full duration of the Community's plan of action in the field of radioactive waste, even if its original task has been completed.
5. This resolution supplements the resolution of 18 July 1977.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**of 18 February 1980****on the reprocessing of irradiated nuclear fuels**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having taken note of the Commission communication on the points for a Community strategy on the reprocessing of irradiated nuclear fuels, and bearing in mind that:

- the Community energy-supply situation is marked by heavy dependence upon imports of primary energy coupled with uncertain prospects for world hydrocarbon supplies,

— reprocessing makes it possible to achieve a reduction in natural uranium and enrichment requirements as a result of the recycling of uranium and plutonium in thermal and fast reactors, with the prospect of reduced dependence on outside supplies of uranium through fast breeder technology,

HEREBY RECORDS ITS AGREEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. It is in the interest of the Community and its Member States to keep open the option of recovering

and re-using spent fuel discharged from nuclear reactors, this being without prejudice to the procedures of the decision-making processes within Member States.

2. To this end, it is necessary that:

— the Member States and undertakings which, particularly with a view to enhancing the availability of energy supplies in the Community, have considered it appropriate to carry out programmes in the field of reprocessing, ensure continuity in their execution and in the studies concerned, without prejudice to the measures which they are obliged to take with regard to the detailed rules of application,

— with due regard to legal provisions and industrial arrangements already obtaining, coordination is organized amongst all interested parties to ensure that industrial reprocessing activities are carried out under the best possible conditions, from the point of view of both the undertakings carrying them out and users making use of their services,

— the Community, the Member States and the undertakings concerned persevere in the efforts made to ensure that these activities remain compatible throughout their industrial development with the objectives of public safety, environmental protection and non-diversion of nuclear materials from the intended uses declared by the users.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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on fast breeder reactors

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS RECORDED ITS AGREEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING:

has studied the Commission communication on the fast breeder option in the Community context — justification, achievements, problems and action perspectives, and in view of the fact that:

- (a) the Community energy-supply situation is marked by heavy dependence on imported primary energy coupled with very uncertain prospects for world hydrocarbon supplies;
- (b) the fast breeder reactor could play an important role in the Community's energy supplies by helping to reduce gradually its dependence on imported uranium and by contributing to the improvement of its balance of payments;
- (c) efforts have already been made and results already been achieved as a result also of the collaboration agreements existing between Member States of the Community with a view to the development of this family of reactors;

— it is in the interest of the Community and of its Member States to keep open the option of making fast breeder reactors available to energy producers on a commercial basis within a period which takes due account of energy requirements in the Community, this being without prejudice to the procedures of the decision-making processes in the Member States,

— the Member States and the undertakings which have considered it appropriate, particularly with a view to enhancing the availability of energy supplies in the Community, to carry out programmes in the field of fast breeder reactors will ensure continuity in their execution and in the studies concerned, including those concerning the fuel cycle, without prejudice to the measures which they are obliged to take with regard to the detailed rules of application and will continue their efforts to ensure that the performance of this reactor system provides at all times adequate guarantees in accordance with the provisions