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COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

Request for Council assent under Article 54, second paragraph,
of the ECSC Treaty to the granting of a global loan to the
Dresdner Bank AG

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Note to the Council

Subject: Request for Council assent under Article 54, second paragraph, of the ECSC Treaty to the granting of a global loan to the Dresdner Bank AG

I Company

Applicant: Dresdner Bank AG, Frankfurt

The Dresdner Bank is one of the leading commercial banks in the Federal Republic of Germany and operates as a public limited company. Its share capital, amounting to DM 988 million, is widely dispersed (150 000 shareholders). The Bank's activities cover the full range of business which an all-purpose bank normally engages in. It has 1 025 branches and 26 623 employees (at the end of 1983).

Recipients: Businesses, public bodies and local authorities implementing investment projects to promote the consumption of Community coal.

II Procedure: The Commission will grant the Dresdner Bank a global loan of DM 40 million. It will be disbursed over not more than 3 years in a number of instalments in the light of the characteristics of the borrowing resources utilized.

Under the terms of this global loan, the Dresdner Bank will co-finance investment which helps to promote the use of Community coal.

The Dresdner Bank will submit annual reports to the Commission on the status of the projects financed and on whether the enterprises receiving the loan are meeting their commitments with respect to offtakes of Community coal.

III Compliance with Article 54, second paragraph, of the ECSC Treaty

The Member States of the European Communities have set themselves the goal of reducing their dependence on oil imports. This change in energy utilization patterns requires greater and more varied use of coal as has been stressed, particularly, in the communiqués issued after the European Council meeting in Luxembourg on 27 and 28 April 1980 and the Venice Summit of 22 and 23 June 1980.

The importance of coal in helping to restructure energy demand was also underlined by the ECSC consultative Committee and the European parliament in their opinions on the note from the Commission to the Council on the role of coal in the Community's energy strategy. The prime sectors mentioned for reconversion to coal included various industrial sectors and district heating systems.

The global loan to the Dresdner Bank will facilitate the implementation of investments which are in line with the broad aims of Community energy policy and at the same time open up new outlets for Community coal. The Commission has therefore concluded that the application is consonant with Article 54, second paragraph, of the ECSC Treaty.

IV Global loan

Loan requested:

Loan granted: The Commission has approved, in principle, a loan of DM 40 million (approximately 17.8 million ECU) or its equivalent to the above-mentioned company on the basis that the projects are consonant with the aims set out in Article 54, second paragraph, of the ECSC Treaty.

Observations: The loan applied for will be the first global loan to be granted to the Dresdner Bank under Article 54, second paragraph. By the Commission decision of 9 September 1982 and with Council assent on 25-26 October 1982, the Dresdner Bank was granted a global loan of DM 50 million under Article 56 of the ECSC Treaty.

V Council assent

Pursuant to Article 54, second paragraph, of the ECSC Treaty the Commission seeks the assent of the Council to the granting of a global loan of DM 40 million to the Dresdner Bank, Frankfurt.

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