

Procedure file

Basic information		
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Southern Africa/EC relations: support for rehabilitation programmes		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	DEVE Development and Cooperation		31/05/1995
		FE BALDI Monica Stefania	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		
	BUDG Budgets		01/06/1995
	PSE TOMLINSON The Lord John E.		
CONT Budgetary Control		21/06/1995	
	PSE WYNN Terence		
Council of the European Union			

Key events			
10/05/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0175	Summary
23/10/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/11/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
23/11/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0303/1995	
14/12/1995	Debate in Parliament		Summary
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Technical information	
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Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Southern Africa/EC relations: support for rehabilitation programmes

This proposal for a regulation seeks to implement rehabilitation projects in southern Africa (Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe). The aim of the projects, which will be of limited duration, is to help re-establish the economy and institutional capacities needed to restore social and political stability in the countries in question. They will take over from humanitarian projects and prepare for the resumption of long-term development aid. Priority will be given to projects which support the return of refugees, displaced persons and demobilized soldiers and the reintegration of the entire civil population in their countries and regions of origin. Other priority actions involve the physical and operational rehabilitation of basic infrastructures, re-starting production, training, documentation and education against the effects of the internal conflicts and destabilization policies applied in the region. Projects will take the form of non-repayable aid and may cover studies, technical assistance, training, the provision of services and works and audit and monitoring missions. Recipients of financial assistance will be national, regional and local agencies and public bodies, local authorities and other decentralized bodies, regional and international organizations and NGOs. Local partners and Member States will, where possible, be required to make a financial contribution. The Commission will be in charge of appraising, taking decisions on and managing projects, assisted by a committee of representatives from the Member States. A specific procedure is planned for projects in excess of ECU 2 million or where changes to projects involve a 20% increase in expenditure. The financial statement attached to the Commission proposal stipulates that the financial reference amount for this programme is ECU 15 million per annum for 1995 and 1996.?

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The committee adopted the report by Mrs Monica BALDI (UPE, I) on the proposal for a regulation on support for rehabilitation programmes in South Africa. This proposal seeks to provide a legal basis for projects financed under budget line B7-5071. The main amendments adopted by the Committee on Development were to ensure that actions funded helped to restore a sustainable economy. The report also considered that resources could be allocated to the development of SMEs and in order to encourage regional economic integration between the Member States and the SADCC.?

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Commissioner PINHEIRO was pleased to see that Parliament and the Commission had similar views on the strategy for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of developing countries and southern Africa. It was particularly important to ensure continuity of aid (emergency aid, aid for rehabilitation, cooperation). In addition, payments should be made as quickly as possible and the social partners should be involved in the reconstruction programmes. As regards rehabilitation measures, notably the problem of mine clearance in Mozambique mentioned by the rapporteur, he supported the amendment on this issue, which provided for the creation of SMEs (Amendment No 4). However, he had reservations about the rapporteur's proposal for monitoring the rehabilitation programme, particularly by sending observers (lack of financial and human resources).

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In adopting the report by Mrs Monica BALDI (UPE, I), the European Parliament approved this proposal for a regulation with the following amendments: - the operations funded must help re-establish a stable and sustainable economy in the countries of the region; - among the operations to be carried out, Parliament attaches particular importance to mine clearance, the disabled and the development of the economic sector, priority being given to the SMEs and to assistance for regional economic integration amongst SADC member states; - Community

financing may cover essential operating costs for the carrying out of actions but in the exclusive framework of the implementation of projects; - in order to reinforce coherence and complementarity between the actions financed by the EC and other donors, the Commission shall ensure wide consultation with partners (the Commission proposal for systematic efforts to secure other contributions, whether financial or not, was not taken over by the EP); - with regard to committee, Parliament called for meetings of the Committee to be held in public and for the minutes of these meetings to be forwarded to the EDF Committee within ten days and to the EP's Committee on Development and Cooperation. A representative from this committee should be present at the annual exchange of views provided for by the regulation. The future orientations derived from this exchange of views would be the subject of consultations with partner organizations and recipients of assistance. ?