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*-Resolution n° 4 "The proposal to modify the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement
budget as regards the European Network of Specialised Centres" **

**Resolutions unanimously adopted*

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RESOLUTION n° 4**ON THE PROPOSAL TO MODIFY THE EUR-OPA MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT BUDGET AS REGARDS THE EUROPEAN NETWORK OF SPECIALISED CENTRES**

The Ministers,

Considering

-that the objective of the European network of Specialised Centres of the Agreement (European Centres, Euro-Mediterranean Centres and European Associate Centres) is to carry out research, training and information activities in line with the priorities of the Medium Term Plan 1997-2001

-that the Specialised Centres should contribute in a significant manner to the implementation of concerted programmes of the Agreement between and/or in liaison with other European or International institutions as well as to the specific programmes of the Agreement (FORM-OSE, STRIM, Communication and Information);

Taking into account that the "Audit" Sub-Committee shall have the following terms of reference:

-to present annually to the Committee of Permanent Correspondents a report determining whether the results of the approved programmes carried out by the Centres of the Agreement are compatible with the objectives of the Agreement set by the Medium Term Plan and to examine the management of the Centres and monitor whether the funds allocated by the OPA are properly used

-to consider whether to grant (or retain) the label of European or Associate Euro-Mediterranean Centre to the Specialised Centres of the Agreement;

Taking into account that the "Programme" Sub-Committee shall have the following terms of reference:

-to present to the Committee of Permanent Correspondents an assessment report on whether the programme proposals submitted by the various Specialised Centres of the Agreement accord with the priorities defined in the Agreement's Medium Term Plan. This report shall be accompanied by a proposal for the breakdown of the planned appropriation in the budget of the following year;

Taking into account that in budget terms, in the context of project effectiveness and budget restrictions, the Special European Fund, based on compulsory contributions by the member States, must be used to support priority activities under the Agreement;

Decide to instruct the Committee of Permanent Correspondents to present proposals for the reorganisation of the Agreement's budget for 1999 on the occasion of the next ministerial session scheduled for 1998.