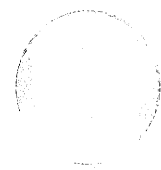


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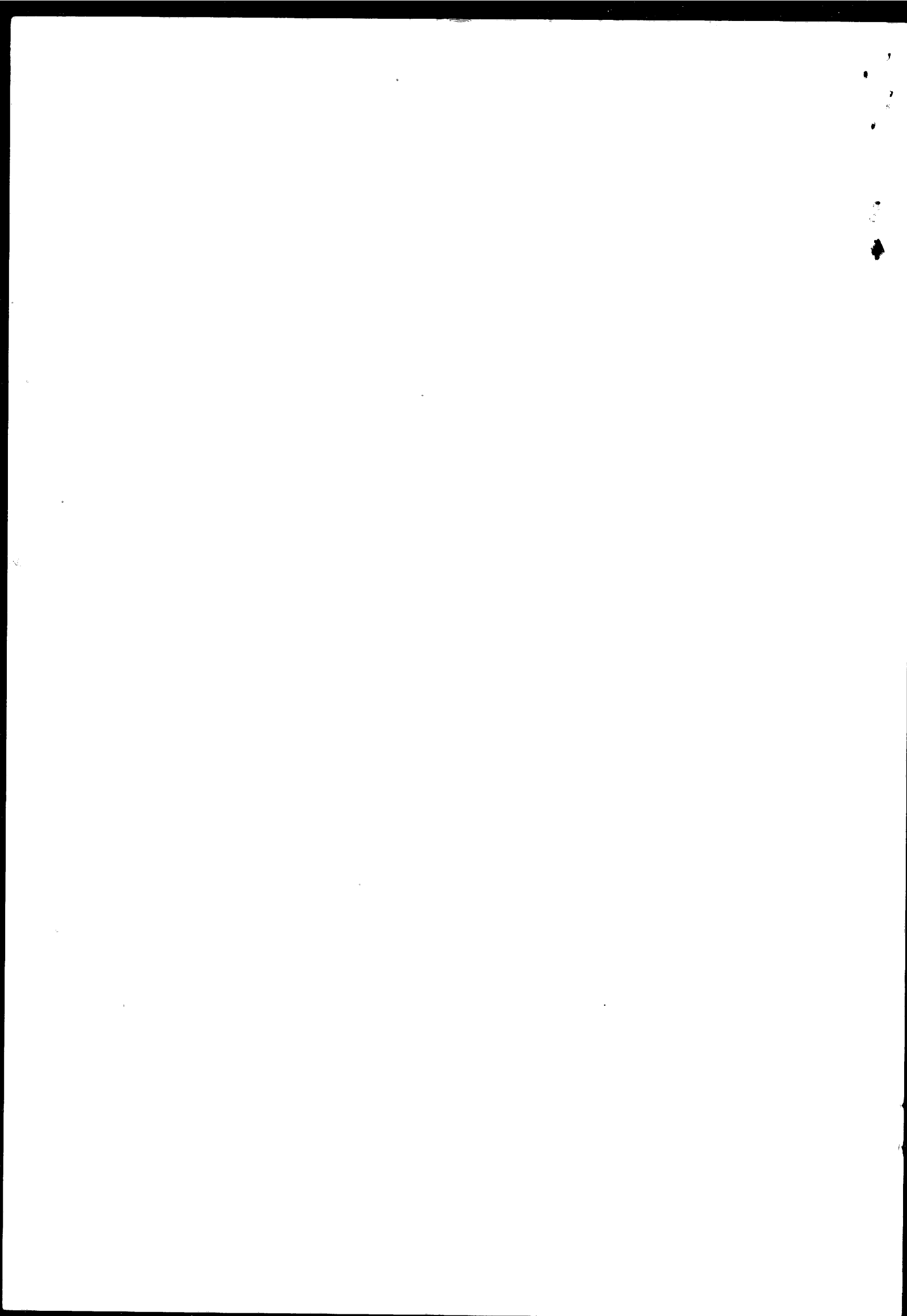
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AMENDMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION
adopting a multiannual research action programme of the
European Economic Community in the field of
biotechnology (January 1985 - December 1989)

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pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149
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and a considerable reduction in sunshine hours; whereas, as a result, some of the wines produced have such a high level of acidity that the methods of deacidification currently permitted by Community rules are not adequate if these wines are to be converted into harmonious quality wines per matching market requirements; whereas increasing the alcoholic strength of these wines by adding sucrose in aqueous solution would help to reduce their acid taste considerably; whereas, in view of the exceptional circumstances outlined above, the period during which the addition of sucrose in aqueous solution is permitted should be extended by one year,'

2. The following is added after Article 1 (3):

'3a. In the fifth subparagraph of Article 8 (2), "15 March 1984" is replaced by "15 March 1985".'

Amendments to the proposal for a Council Decision adopting a multiannual research action programme of the European Economic Community in the field of biotechnology (January 1985 to December 1989) (*)

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(Submitted by the Commission to the Council pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty on 19 December 1984)

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ORIGINAL TEXT

AMENDED TEXT

Preamble and recitals 1 to 6 unchanged

Recital 7

Whereas a Community research action programme is necessary for the development of biotechnology in the Community and particularly for:

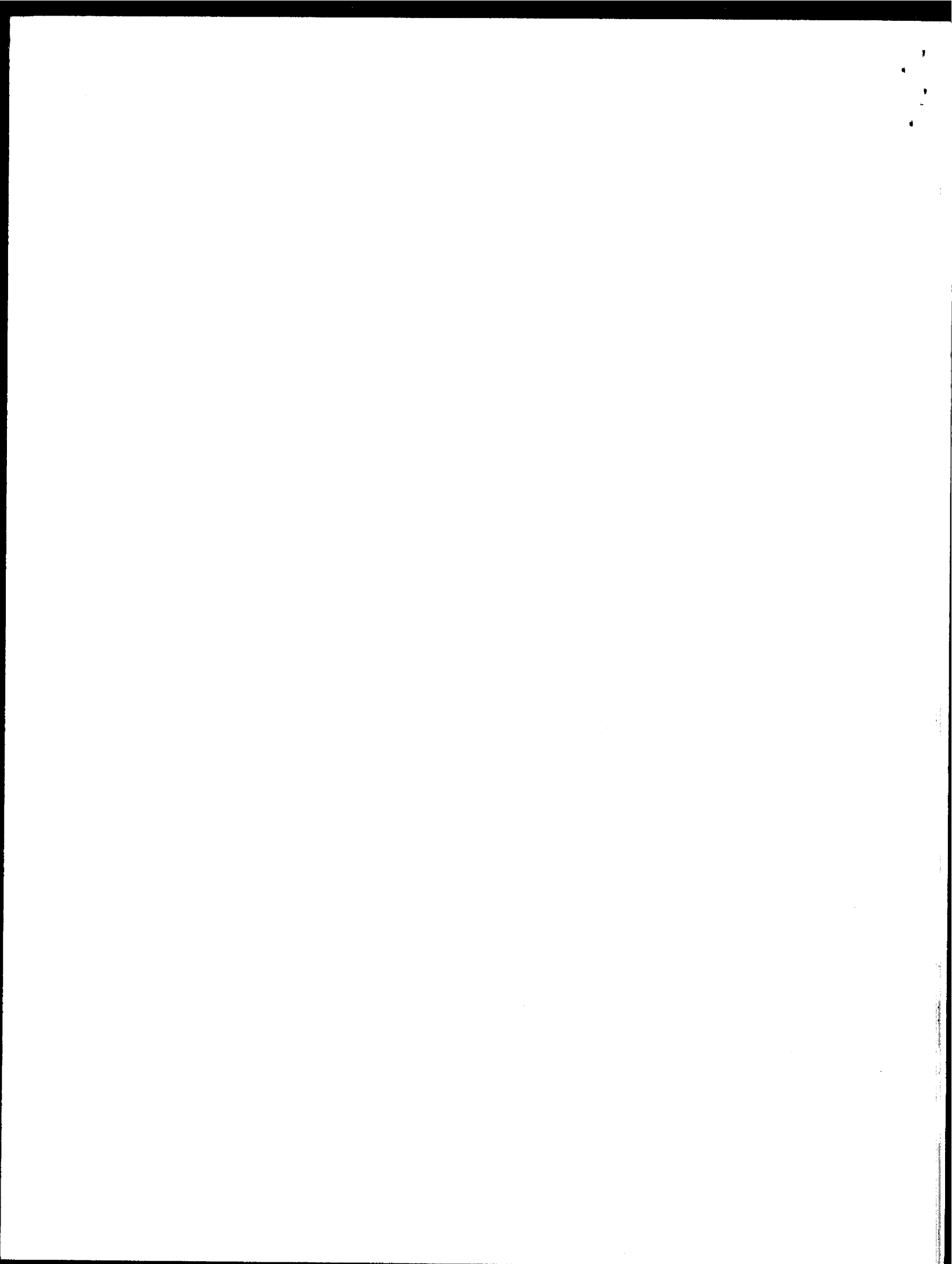
- the establishment of new methods for the synthesis of compounds with high added value,
- more efficient land use through the design of new crops which can provide important feedstocks for the European industries,

Recital 7

Whereas a Community research action programme is necessary for the development of biotechnology in the Community and particularly for:

- the establishment of new methods for the synthesis of compounds with high added value **and for lowering production costs,**
- unchanged
- **application of biotechnology to environmental protection,**

(*) OJ No C 182, 9. 7. 1984, p. 7.



ORIGINAL TEXT

AMENDED TEXT

- acceptability of the products of modern biotechnology through the use of new testing methods which render possible a more efficient and less costly evaluation of toxicity and biological activity,
- new approaches in the detection, prevention and treatment of costly diseases,
- protection of health and environment against risks which may be associated to new developments in modern biotechnology;

- unchanged
- replacement of animal experiments with tests on cell cultures,
- new approaches in the detection, prevention and treatment of diseases
- protection of health and environment against risks which may be associated with new developments in and the application of biotechnology;

Recital 8 unchanged

Recital 9

Whereas it is necessary to monitor developments in biotechnology, with a view to assess their strategic significance for Europe, and to promote effective concertation between the Community and its Member States in matters affecting the development of biotechnology;

Recital 9

unchanged

such monitoring is also needed to ensure that problems of a social, ethical and ecological nature, inherent in the application of this technology, may be recognized in good time and their adverse consequences prevented;

Rest of preamble unchanged

Article 1 (1) and (2) unchanged

3. Encouragement and priority shall be given to contracts bringing together the technological resources of firms and institutions from different Member States, where possible.

Article 2 unchanged

Article 3

The Commission will report to the Council and the European Parliament at the end of the third year of the programme and will propose, where appropriate, any amendments necessary. These amendments may

Article 3

At the beginning of the third year the Commission shall submit to the Council an interim report on the results of the programme. On the basis of this report, the programme shall be evaluated before the end of

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lead to a revision of the programme in the course of the fourth year in accordance with the appropriate procedures.

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the third year. This evaluation shall be carried out by experts not involved in the Committee referred to in Article 5 and who have themselves not received any appropriations under the research programme. A report on this evaluation shall be sent to the Council and to the European Parliament.

This evaluation may lead to the submission by the Commission of a proposal for a revision of the programme in accordance with the appropriate procedures.

Articles 4 to 6 unchanged

Article 7

1. In accordance with Article 228 of the Treaty the Community may conclude Agreements with non-member States participating in European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical research (COST) with a view to ensuring cooperation between the Community concerted action projects referred to in the Annex and the relevant programmes of such States.

2. The Commission is hereby authorized to negotiate the Agreements referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 7

1. In accordance with Article 228 of the Treaty the Community may conclude Agreements with non-member States participating in European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical research (COST) or international organizations with a view to ensuring cooperation between the Community concerted action projects referred to in the Annex and the relevant programmes of such States or international organizations.

2. unchanged

ANNEX

ACTION I

Sub-programme 1

Bio-informatics

Third indent

— computer modelling of biological structures and systems,

Third indent

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Sub-programme 2

Second paragraph

First indent

— development and evaluation of bio-reactors (and particularly those which are multienzymatic, multiphasic or co-factor requiring) for industrial applications, depollution and detoxification,

First indent

— development and evaluation of bio-reactors (and particularly those which are multienzymatic, multiphasic or co-factor requiring) for industrial and medical applications, depollution and detoxification,

Second indent unchanged

Third paragraph: 'Genetic engineering'

First to third indents unchanged

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Fourth indent

- production of vaccines, proteins and hormones for human medicine.

Fourth paragraph unchanged

Fifth paragraph, first to fourth indents unchanged

Fifth indent

- study of cell biology applied to the prevention, detection and treatment of a few selected diseases which are particularly important from a socio-economic point of view.

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Rest of sub-programme 2 unchanged

ACTION II

CONCERTATION

First to seventh indents unchanged

Eighth indent

- disseminating knowledge and increasing public awareness of the nature and potential of biotechnology and the life sciences, to raise the quality of public debate;

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Rest unchanged

Third amendment to the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 on the common organization of the market in wine (*)

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(Submitted by the Commission to the Council pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty on 21 December 1984)

(85/C 23/07)

1. The following recital is added after the second recital:

'Whereas the vineyards in wine-growing zone A and the German part of wine-growing zone B are solely intended for the production of quality wines produced in specified regions; whereas, however, some of the wine produced, in particular when yield per hectare exceeds a given level, may not be recognized as quality wine and may be marketed as table wine; whereas, to prevent surplus quantities of such wine being offered for intervention and thus augmenting intervention expenditure to an excessive extent, it is necessary to limit the quantities eligible for certain types of distillation in these zones;'

2. The seventh recital is replaced by the following:

'Whereas, to enable products used in winemaking to be enriched in the foreseeable future with wine products instead of sucrose, a very thorough knowledge going beyond that afforded by the studies already made of certain points is required of all the scientific, technical and economic aspects of the problem; whereas the Commission should therefore make an exhaustive study of the question, followed by a report to the Council and suitable proposals;'

3. The following recitals are added after the last recital:

'Whereas the trend of the table wine market in recent years calls for measures to allow more direct control over production; whereas, furthermore, surpluses are absorbed primarily through compulsory distillation; whereas provision must be made for such distillation to be instituted as soon as it is clear that the market is in a state of grave imbalance and whereas precise criteria must be defined for the assessment of such imbalance;

Whereas, because of the weather and the impact of structural measures, the trend of production may differ between the regions of the Community;

whereas, to take fair account of this, the total quantity of wine for compulsory distillation should be shared between the regions on the basis of the disparity between their respective levels of production for the year and a reference level calculated on the basis of previous years and regarded as compatible with normal consumption of table wine; whereas the reference level is at present 85 % of average production in the preceding three years;

Whereas, to ensure that this measure is effective, the wine-growing regions should be grouped by Member State, each being entrusted with supervision of and responsibility for the implementation of the measure;

Whereas it is fair to share the obligations between producers on the basis of their yield per hectare in relation to average yield in the production area, and to ensure that producers with very low yields are not penalized; whereas differences between wine-growing regions warrant the application of differing rates to producers in the various regions;

Whereas wine production should not be encouraged in the absence of commercial outlets; whereas it therefore appears advisable to lower the buying-in price of wine delivered for compulsory distillation, as its present level seems sufficiently attractive if not to encourage the creation of new vineyards at least to enable old vineyards to survive in the absence of any sales possibilities;'

4. Article 1 is amended as follows:

- (a) The following paragraph 3a is inserted:

'3a: The following Article 15a is inserted:

Article 15a

With effect from 1988/89, the quantity of table wine produced in wine-growing zone A and the German part of wine-growing zone B

(*) OJ No C 259, 27. 9. 1984, p. 5.