

STATEMENT BY THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION

Draft Resolution of the Council

on the portuguese financial contribution to CERN

- a) Noting the effort currently developed by Portugal promoting a sustained growth in research and development activities, namely in the area of particle physics;
- b) Considering that after five years of membership the burden of the portuguese financial contribution to CERN will impose severe constraints to the full access of the Portuguese scientific community to CERN;
- c) Emphasizing both the economic and scientific gap between Portugal and the large majority of the member countries of CERN and in particular the low portuguese national income "per capita".

The Council decides, taking into account special circumstances and in accordance with article 7. para 1.(b).(ii) of the Convention,

1. To freeze the scale of the portuguese contribution to the CERN budget at the level of the 1990 contribution for a period of three (3) years.

2. An equal amount of the CERN's financial contribution will be committed by the portuguese government to strengthen its national scientific and technological facilities, in particular in the sphere of elementary particle physics and associated instrumentation.