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for the financial year 1991

Section I - Parliament

Section II - Council

Annex: Economic and Social Committee

Section IV - Court of Justice

Section V - Court of Auditors

(Doc. C3-260/90)

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At its meeting of 25 January 1990, the Committee on Budgets appointed Mrs Theato rapporteur on Sections I - Parliament, II - Council, Annex: Economic and Social Committee, IV - Court of Justice and V - Court of Auditors of the draft budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1991.

At its meeting of 15,16 and 17 October 1990, the Committee on Budgets considered the draft amendments tabled to these sections of the budget. At its meeting of 22 October 1990 it adopted the motion for a resolution as a whole by 23 votes to none with one abstention.

The following were present for the vote: von der Vring, chairman; Lamassoure, first vice-chairman; Cornelissen, second vice-chairman; Welsh, third vice-chairman; Theato, rapporteur; Adam (for Cot), Arbeloa Muru, Arias Canete, Böge, Cochet, Colom i Naval, Crawley (for Desama), Elles, Goedmakers, Kellett-Bowman, Langes, Lo Guidice, Napoletano (for Colajanni), Papoutsis, Pasty, Samland, Tomlinson, Wynn and Zavvos.

The opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Section I - Parliament) and the opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights (Section IV - Court of Justice) will be published separately.

The report was tabled 22 October 1990.

The deadline for tabling amendments is 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 23 October 1990.

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The Committee on Budgets hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the draft general budget of the European Communities
for the financial year 1991

Section I - Parliament
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The European Parliament

- having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure (OJ L 185, 15.7.1988),
 - having regard to the draft budget for the financial year 1991 (Doc. C3-260/90),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinions of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights (Doc. A3-0257/90),
1. Reaffirms its support for the principle that the budget for the other Institutions must fall within the framework of the financial perspective contained in the Interinstitutional Agreement and be consistent with the Commission's administrative budget, within the ceilings set in that financial perspective;
 2. Considers, with regard to 1991, that the margin available, after the Council's first reading, within the ceiling set for administrative expenditure in the financial perspective should be used as efficiently as possible to ensure that the budgets of the other Institutions correspond, in the spirit of budgetary discipline, to the real requirements and objectives of the Institutions;
 3. Recalls the fear it expressed during the 1990 budget procedure of the creation of a bottleneck in respect of the sums laid down in the financial perspective to meet the Institutions' administrative expenditure. Notes that this fear was entirely justified in view of the difficult situation already existing in 1991, which will become even more pronounced in 1992. Consequently insists that account be taken of this situation in the revision of the financial perspective;
 4. Hopes, in accordance with its position adopted with regard to buildings for the Institutions whose geographical location presents no difficulties, that this policy will be extended, and that in 1991 the Court of Justice, after the revision of the financial perspective, will be able to acquire a part of the complex of buildings it occupies in Luxembourg;

5. Accepts, in accordance with the provisions of the new Article 20(4) of the Financial Regulation relating to compensation in respect of part-time work, that the new wording of the footnote to the list of posts should, for those Institutions that so wish, be the wording adopted by the Heads of Administration of the Commission, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee, the Court of Justice and the Court of Auditors;
6. Welcomes any proposal from the Institutions likely to set in motion the process of interinstitutional cooperation in the areas of administration and management, provided that each Institution is equally represented, and with effect from 1992;

As regards the European Parliament

7. Insists that certain priority items listed in the resolution on the draft estimates should be met in the present budgetary procedure: in this context accepts, therefore:
 - the recruitment of 10 temporary data-processing officials to replace the external staff deleted at the draft estimates stage,
 - the Secretary-General's proposals as adopted by the Bureau for 16 upgradings/regradings and the allocation of one ad personam post;
8. Resolves to act on the proposals made by the authorities of the Institutions to have an extra night sitting during the part-sessions to cope with the increase in the rate of the Institution's work due to the objectives of the Single Act and recent international events; resolves to create 25 extra posts on the establishment plan primarily for the organisation of the work related to this and for a number of other sectors, including STOA, and to create 2 posts for the Interpretation Directorate;
9. Enters appropriations of 2.6 m ECU for the voluntary pensions scheme for the Members decided by the Bureau which will enter into force with retroactive effect from 1 August 1989. These appropriations are entered against the reserve in Chapter 100 pending further details of real requirements, which will depend on the number of Members interested;
10. Approves the entry against the reserve in Chapter 100 of appropriations in the amount of 2 m ECU necessary for the acquisition by Parliament of offices in Athens; accepts the entry of 255 000 ECU in the lines for other expenditure on buildings.
11. Instructs its Secretary-General, in the spirit of the agreement concluded between the political groups and the Staff Committee, and of which the enlarged Bureau took note on 15 March 1989, to present, after consultation with the political groups and the Staff Committee, to the appropriate authorities, in the framework of his report on the estimates of the European Parliament for the 1992 financial year, proposals which will allow officials seconded to the political groups and wishing to return to the secretariat to do so in a category and grade which take account of the years of experience acquired within the political group concerned;

As regards the Council and the Economic and Social Committee

12. Observes that, immediately following already significant rises in 1989 and 1990, the Council has increased its budget for 1991 by more than 27% although the overall increase it has granted to the other institutions as a whole is little more than 5%, thus reducing by a large proportion the draft estimates of some institutions and taking over a large share of the resources available for administrative expenditure;
13. Notes that this large increase for the Council is essentially accounted for by the appropriations allocated to its new building, expenditure which it has once again classified as obligatory expenditure by way of derogation from the provisions of the joint declaration of 30 June 1982 and the classification laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement;
14. Notes that the Council has very severely reduced the budget of the Economic and Social Committee making it difficult for certain services of that Institution to function normally;
15. Consequently decides, with regard to the Economic and Social Committee, to increase its appropriations in some areas such as data processing, day-to-day administrative expenditure, and professional training, and to make changes to the establishment plan by creating 5 new posts and authorizing 5 upgradings/regradings;
16. Notes, with regard to the limited increases in the daily subsistence allowance for Members, that the allowance granted at present does not take sufficient account of real increases. Consequently decides to adjust the appropriations relating to this item and to enter them in Chapter 100, pending notification of the Council's position;

As regards the Court of Justice

17. Considers it necessary, in view of the present and future workload of the Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance to give them, on the eve of the opening of the internal market, the human and financial resources necessary to cater for the interests of those subject to European jurisdiction;
18. Therefore decides, as regards the establishment plan, to grant to the Court and to the Court of First Instance, irrespective of the matter of the publication in full of the text of the judgments, 3 extra posts, 13 upgradings/regradings and the conversion of all local staff into established staff;
19. Considers that, following the decision of the Court to resume the publication in full of the text of the judgments and following the entry by the Council of an appropriation in the reserve in Chapter 100, these appropriations should immediately be entered against the budget lines concerned and the creation of the posts necessary to achieve this objective should be authorized;

20. Resolves to enter, subject to the revision of the financial perspective, a sufficiently large appropriation in the reserve in Chapter 100 to allow for the acquisition of the ERASMUS building at present occupied by the Court in Luxembourg. Therefore enters, pending the completion of this operation, the appropriations relating to the rental of that building in Chapter 100 as well;

As regards the Court of Auditors

21. Considers it essential for the Court to be able to carry out its on-the-spot audits with maximum effectiveness;
22. Consequently grants on the one hand the appropriations and posts necessary to create a task force responsible for responding with the greatest possible flexibility to unforeseen audit requests and new requirements, and on the other an increase in the appropriations for the requests for external analyses and surveys and for expenses related to mission and travel;
23. Accepts the need for budgetary remedies to counter the severe cuts made by the Council particularly concerning the standard abatement, the data-processing networks and office automation equipment;
24. Decides to increase the establishment plan of the General Secretariat, particularly for the audit groups, by accepting, irrespective of the matter of the task force, the creation of 3 posts: modifies the said establishment plan by accepting 8 upgradings/regradings.
25. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

