10 December 1990

REPORT

of the Committee on Budgets

on the supplementary and amending budget No. 3
for the 1990 financial year
(SEC(90) 1937 - C3-372/90)

Rapporteur: Mr John TOMLINSON
On 17 October 1990, the Commission of the European Communities forwarded to the European Parliament the preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No. 3 for the 1990 financial year.

At its meeting of 6 November 1990, the Committee on Budgets confirmed the appointment of Mr TOMLINSON as rapporteur.

On 5 November 1990, the Council drew up a draft supplementary and amending budget and submitted it to the European Parliament.

At its meeting of 10 December 1990, the Committee on Budgets unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution by which the supplementary and amending budget was approved.

The following were present: von der Vring, chairman; Welsh, third vice-chairman; Tomlinson, rapporteur; Adam (for Desama), Arias Canete, Colom i Naval, Goeckmakers, Habsburg (for Böge), Kellett-Bowman, Langes, Lo Giudice, Miranda da Silva, Huntingh (for Cot), Napoletano (for Colajanni), Pasty and Wynn.

The report was tabled on 10 December 1990.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally by the rapporteur.

The deadline for tabling amendments is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 11 December.
The Committee on Budgets hereby submits to the vote of the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the draft supplementary and amending budget No. 3 for the 1990 financial year

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No. 3 for the 1990 financial year (SEC(90) 1937),

- having regard to the draft supplementary and amending budget drawn up by the Council (C3-372/90),

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. A3-0359/90),

A. whereas the objective of the draft supplementary and amending budget No. 3 is to adapt Section II - COUNCIL to take account of the depreciation of the ECU in relation to the Belgian Franc;

B. whereas in Section III - COMMISSION, the refunds to certain Member States must be adapted in the light of an adjustment of the VAT and GNP bases for previous financial years;

1. Approves without amendment or modification the draft supplementary and amending budget No. 3 for the 1990 financial year;

2. Underlines the fact that with this supplementary and amending budget the original balance of 5080 m ECU, stated by the Commission in its preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No. 2, is reduced by 164.2 m ECU;

3. Points out to the Council that - in a time of budgetary uncertainty - this action shows that it would be against sound financial management to enter into the budget the balance of the preceding year immediately after the closure of accounts (i.e. in the middle of the year), when it is not yet certain if a further supplementary and amending budget will be necessary later in the year;

4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.