REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgetary Control

on deferral of the discharge to be granted to the Commission of the European Communities in respect of the ECSC accounts for the financial year 1984

Rapporteur: Mr B. Härlin
By letter of 3 October 1985 the Commission of the European Communities forwarded to the European Parliament the financial statements of the ECSC as at 31 December 1984.

At Parliament's sitting of 17 February 1986 the Committee on Budgetary Control was authorized to draw up a report on the subject.

The committee had confirmed the appointment of Mr HARLIN as rapporteur on 21 January 1986.

The committee considered the draft report at its meetings of 21 January 1986 and 18 March 1986. The proposal for a decision as a whole was adopted at the latter meeting by 12 votes to none with one abstention.

The following were present for the vote: Mr AIGNER, chairman; Mrs BOSERUP, vice-chairman; Mrs BARBARELLA, Mr COLOM I NAVAL, Mr DANKERT, Mrs FUilleT, Mr PRICE, Mr PRouT (deputizing for Mr Escuder Croft), Mr RyAN, Mr SARIDAKIS (deputizing for Mr Giummarra), Mr SIMMONDS, Mr TOMLINSON (deputizing for Mr Sutra) and Mr WETTIG.

The report was tabled on 21 March 1986.

The deadline for tabling amendments to this report will be indicated in the draft agenda for the part-session at which it will be debated.
The Committee on Budgetary Control hereby submits to the European Parliament the following proposal for a decision:

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

on deferral of the discharge to be granted to the Commission of the European Communities in respect of the ECSC accounts for the financial year 1984

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the balance sheet and the profit and loss accounts of the ECSC as at 31 December 1984,
- having regard to the report of the Court of Auditors on the financial statements of the ECSC as at 31 December 1984 (Doc. C 2-158/85 + Annex),
- having regard to the report of the Court of Auditors annexed to the 1984 ECSC Annual Report and the Commission's replies thereto (Doc. C 2-158/85),
- having regard to Article 85, first paragraph, of the Financial Regulation of the European Communities (OJ No. L 356, 31.12.1977),
- having regard to its report of 11 March 1985 on the discharge to be granted to the Commission in respect of the ECSC accounts for 1983 (Doc. 2-1802/84, OJ No. C 122/85),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (Doc. A 2-14/86),
- whereas the question of the appropriate level for ECSC reserves, to which Parliament attached central importance in its report of 11 March 1985, still requires clarification,

1. Decides to defer a decision on the discharge to be granted to the Commission of the European Communities in respect of the ECSC accounts for the financial year 1984 until it has had the opportunity of examining the study undertaken by the Commission of the appropriate level for ECSC reserves;

2. Instructs its President, pursuant to Article 85, first paragraph, of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, to inform the Commission of the reason for the postponement of the discharge to be granted to it in respect of the ECSC accounts for the financial year 1984.