REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgetary Control

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on
the appointment of two members of the Court of Auditors
of the European Communities

(Doc. C 2-153/85)

Rapporteur: Mr H. AIGNER
By letter of 9 January 1986 the Council consulted the European Parliament on the appointment of two members of the Court of Auditors, pursuant to Article 78f(4) of the ECSC Treaty, Article 206(4) of the EEC Treaty and Article 180(4) of the EURATOM Treaty.

At its meeting of 14 January 1986 the Committee on Budgetary Control considered, pursuant to Rule 51 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, a draft report drawn up by Mr AIGNER, chairman of the committee, and adopted it unanimously.

The following took part in the vote: Mr AIGNER, chairman and rapporteur; Mrs BOSERUP and Mr BATTERSBY, vice-chairmen; Mr COLOM I NAVAL (deputizing for Mr DANKERT), Mr ESCUDER CROFT (deputizing for Mr PRICE), Mrs HOFF, Mrs LENTZ-CORNETTE, Mr PITT, Mr SCHÖN, Mr SCHREIBER and Mr TOMLINSON (deputizing for Mrs FUILLET).

The report was tabled on 14 January 1986.

The deadline for tabling amendments to this report has been set at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 15 January 1986.
The Committee on Budgetary Control hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the appointment of two members of the Court of Auditors of the European Communities

The European Parliament,

(a) having regard to Article 78(e)(4) of the ECSC Treaty,
(b) having regard to Article 206(4) of the EEC Treaty,
(c) having regard to Article 180(4) of the EURATOM Treaty,
(d) having been consulted by the Council by letter of 9 January 1986 (Doc. C 2-153/85),
(e) having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (Doc. A 2-200/85),

1. Approves the Council proposal that Mr Carlos Manuel BOTELHEIRO MORENO and Mr Josep SUBIRATS PINANA be appointed Members of the Court of Auditors and therefore decides, together with that Institution, to declare that they are appointed;

2. Notes that the two candidates fulfil the conditions laid down by the Treaty for appointment as members of the Court of Auditors, namely long experience of the procedures for the external scrutiny of public finances and a comprehensive knowledge of budgetary matters; welcomes in particular the fact that they can demonstrate personal experience of parliamentary scrutiny;

3. Notes that the enlargement of the Community creates practical difficulties for the Court of Auditors and proposes to that Institution that it explore ways of improving its division of responsibilities, and welcomes the fact that it has already taken positive steps in this direction by introducing audit groups;
4. Stresses that the urgent procedure used for this consultation is justified only by the circumstance of the enlargement of the Community and the desire that the two new Member States be integrated into the Institutions as rapidly and as fully as possible;

5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Court of Auditors and to the other Institutions for information.

The explanatory statement will be delivered orally.