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on the Commission proposal for a Council regulation on stepping up checks on expenditure in Portugal and charged to the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (COM(90) 309 final - Doc. C3-0298/90)

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By letter of 17 September 1990 the Council consulted the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, on the Commission proposal for a Council regulation on stepping up checks on expenditure in Portugal and charged to the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund.

At the sitting of 8 October 1990 the President of the European Parliament announced that he had referred this proposal to the Committee on Budgetary Control as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development and the Committee on Budgets for their opinions.

At its meeting of 21 September 1990 the Committee on Budgetary Control appointed Mr Peter PRICE rapporteur and considered the Commission proposal and draft report.

At that meeting it adopted the draft legislative resolution unanimously.

The following took part in the vote: Price, chairman and rapporteur; Wynn, vice-chairman; Andrews (for Pasty), Hermans (for Marck), Killilea (for Lane), Read (for Comon i Naval) and Tomlinson.

The opinions of the Committee on Budgets is attached. The Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development decided not to deliver an opinion.

The report was tabled on 24 September 1990.

The deadline for tabling amendments will appear on the draft agenda for the part-session at which the report is to be considered.

A

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the Commission proposal for a Council regulation on stepping up checks on expenditure in Portugal and charged to the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(90) 309 final)¹,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (C3-0298/90),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (A3-0228/90),
1. Approves the Commission proposal in accordance with the vote thereon;
 2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 3. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

¹ OJ No. C 208, 21.8.1990, p. 7

B

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Financial participation by the Community in the measures taken by Member States to prevent and deal with irregularities in connection with transactions financed by the EAGGF is in keeping with a practice which has been well established since the setting up of inspection agencies in the olive oil sector. This practice is a clear application of the principle of subsidiarity: if the CAP is to function efficiently, the Community must bear primary responsibility for its execution; but it is more efficient to use decentralized structures for its practical implementation. The Community's financial contribution underlines the Commission's primary responsibility for the execution of the policy.

Computerization of the Portuguese paying agency INGA undoubtedly comes under the heading of this primary responsibility of the Commission. The Commission has assessed the feasibility of this project and considers that it is likely to improve the management and control of EAGGF expenditure.

The Community's financial contribution has been fixed at 70% of the total cost of the project in view, firstly, of the usefulness of the project in the context of the Commission's responsibilities for the implementation of the CAP and, secondly, of the financial resources which Portugal has at its disposal.

The Commission's proposal may therefore be approved.

OPINION

(Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure)

of the Committee on Budgets

Letter from the chairman of the committee to Mr Peter PRICE, chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control

Subject: Proposal for a Council regulation on stepping up checks on expenditure in Portugal and charged to the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (COM(90) 309 final)

Dear Mr Price,

At its meeting of 18/19 September 1990 the Committee on Budgets considered the above subject.

After obtaining additional, budget-related information from the Commission, the Committee on Budgets gave its backing to the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Thomas von der VRING

The following were present: von der Vring, chairman; Lamassoure, first vice-chairman; Cochet, Colom i Naval, Goedmakers, Holzfuß, Langes, Lo Giudice, Napoletano (for Colajanni), Pasty and Zavvos