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Control

on the final discharge to be granted to Parliament's
accounting officer for the 1981 financial year

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Or. Fr.

On 18 May 1983 the European Parliament adopted the decision granting the discharge for the 1981 financial year, but deferred the decision on the final discharge to the accounting officer for that year.

The rapporteur, Mr Saby, was instructed by the Committee on Budgetary Control on 28/29 April 1983 to carry out the work requested by the European Parliament.

At its meeting on 28 March 1984 the Committee on Budgetary Control considered the draft report and adopted the discharge decision by 19 votes to six.

The following were present when the vote was taken: Mr Aigner, chairman; Mrs Boserup, Mr Treacy, Mr Price, vice-chairmen; Mr Saby, rapporteur; Mr Ansquer (deputizing for Mr Cousté), Mr Arndt (deputizing for Mrs Van Hemeldonck), Mr Battersby, Mr Ferrero, Mr Früh, Mr Gabert, Mr Gontikas, Mr Gauthier, Mr Habsburg (deputizing for Mr Marck), Mr Hord, Mr Irmer, Mr Jürgens, Mr E. Kellett-Bowman, Mr Key, Mr Lalumière, Mr Mart, Mr Nielsen, Mr Notenboom, Mr Patterson, Mrs Scrivener, Mr Schön, Mr Simpson, Mr Simonnet and Mr Wettig.

The report was tabled on 28 March 1984.

The deadline for tabling amendments to this report will be indicated in the draft agenda of the part-session at which it will be debated.

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PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

- A. - having regard to Article 72 of the Financial Regulation (OJ No. L 356 of 31 December 1977).
- B. - having regard to Article 15, paragraph 1, of the Internal Rules (PE 83.848/BUR./Ann.).
- C. - having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts, the financial statement and the analysis of financial management for 1981.
- D. - having regard to the annual report by the Court of Auditors for the 1981 financial year (OJ No. C 344 of 31 December 1982).
- E. - having regard to the special report of the Court of Auditors on the Members' cash office of the European Parliament (OJ No. C 202 of 5 August 1982).
- F. - having regard to its decision of 18 May 1983 granting a discharge to its President and postponing the final discharge decision (OJ No. C 161 of 20 June 1983, P. 98).
- G. - having regard to the letter from its President, Mr Dankert, of 6 June 1983 stating the reasons which led him to request postponement of the final discharge decision for 1981.
- H. - having regard to the report by its Committee on Budgetary Control (Doc. 1-110/84)
- I. - whereas all relevant information, including the letter of 6 June 1983 will be taken into account for the purposes of the 1982 discharge.

Proposal for a decision

The European Parliament

- Grants the final discharge to the accounting officer of the institution in

respect of the 1981 financial year and stresses that:

1. it is necessary for the respective independence of the authorizing officer, the financial controller and the accounting officer to be specified in the financial regulation and the internal rules;
2. data-processing equipment and operational terminals must be installed as a matter of urgency in the Members' cash offices in Strasbourg and Brussels.

B

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

At its meeting of 29 March 1984 the committee decided by a majority to instruct the rapporteur to make an oral statement of the reasons for granting the final discharge to Parliament's accounting officer for the 1981 financial year.