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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-563/82) for a regulation on limited financial support in the field of transport infrastructure

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Letter from the committee chairman to Mr SEEFELD, Chairman of the  
Committee on Transport

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Strasbourg, 12 October 1982

Subject: Proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the  
Council for a regulation on limited financial support in the  
field of transport infrastructure (Doc. 1-563/82)

Dear Mr Chairman,

The Committee on Budgets considered the abovementioned Commission  
proposal for a regulation at its meetings of 22/23 September and 29/30 September  
1982.

The Commission's proposal for a regulation proposes, on its own admission,  
'limited financial support' in the field of transport infrastructure. The  
relevant appropriations have already been entered in Chapter 100 of the 1982  
budget at the initiative of Parliament (10 million ECU in commitment appropriations,  
intended for Article 781).

The members of the committee took the view that a transfer of appropriations  
from Chapter 100 to the intended budget article would suffice to implement the  
ad hoc measures described by the Commission. This view is consistent with the  
content of the joint declaration of the three presidents of the Council, Parliament  
and Commission of 30 June 1982, Part IV, paragraph 3(c), according to which a  
regulation is necessary only for new and major Community operations.

The Committee on Budgets draws attention to the fact that, according to  
draft amendment No. 114 to the Council's amendment to amendment No. 445 of the  
European Parliament, these appropriations should be used for projects which are  
ready for implementation. There can be no question of their being used for  
planning or preliminary work.

By letter of 28 September 1982 the Commission submitted a request for  
transfer of appropriations (No. 35/82) to the budgetary authority (COM(82) 629  
final). This transfer of appropriations was approved by the Committee on  
Budgets at its meeting of 30 September 1982. In the view of the committee,  
therefore, the conditions for appropriate use of the appropriations have been  
fulfilled.

Yours sincerely,

Erwin LANGE

The following took part in the vote: Mr Lange, chairman; Mrs Barbarella,  
vice-chairman; Mr Adonnino, Mr Barbagli, Mr Barbi (deputizing for Mr Lega),  
Mrs Hoff, Mr E. Kellett-Bowman, Mr Langes, Mr Newton Dunn, Mr Orlandi,  
Mr Pfennig, Mr Ryan, Mr K. Schön, Mrs Scrivener and Mr Simonnet.

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