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from the Commission of the European Communities

concerning ~~the~~ maximum rate of increase for non-compulsory expenditure in the
Budget of the European Communities for the 1979 financial year

Brussels, 28 April 1978

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Dear Mr President,

Article 203 (9) of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community provides that for all expenditure under the general budget of the European Communities other than that necessarily resulting from the Treaties or from acts adopted in accordance therewith, the Commission shall each year, after consulting the Conjunctural Policy Committee, fix a maximum rate of increase in relation to the expenditure of the same type to be incurred during the current year.

On 21 April 1978, after consulting the Conjunctural Policy Committee, the Commission fixed the maximum rate applicable to non-compulsory expenditure in the 1979 budget.

However, since some of the estimates used in calculating this rate are only of a provisional nature, the Commission may have to revise the rate.

Pursuant to Article 203 (9) of the Treaty, I have the honour to inform you that the rate is fixed at 11.4 (eleven point four) %.

Yours sincerely,

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Member of the Commission