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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-262/82 - COM(82) 235 final) for a decision concerning a contribution to the European Coal and Steel Community from the general budget of the Communities

Rapporteur: Mr H. NORD

PE 79.069/fin.

By letter of 11 May 1982 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision concerning a contribution to the European Coal and Steel Community from the general budget of the Communities.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Budgets as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for their opinions.

The Committee on Budgets instructed Mr NORD, rapporteur for the 1982 ECSC operating budget, to draw up a report.

It considered the proposal from the Commission and the draft report at its meeting of 27/28 May 1982.

At the same meeting the committee decided by 16 votes to 2 with 1 abstention not to deliver a definite opinion for or against the Commission's proposal.

The explanatory statement on this motion for a resolution will be given orally.

The following took part in the vote: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Notenboom and Mrs Barbarella, vice-chairmen; Mr Abens, Mr Adam (deputizing for Mr Balfe), Mr Battersby (deputizing for Mr Balfour), Mrs Boserup, Mr Fich, Mrs Hoff, Mr R. Jackson, Mr Langes, Mr Newton Dunn, Mr Orlandi, Mr Protopapadakis, Mr Ryan, Mr Saby, Mrs Scrivener, Mr Simmonds and Mr Woltjer (deputizing for Mr Arndt).

The opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment is attached.

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The Committee on Budgets hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning a contribution to the European Coal and Steel Community for a decision from the general budget of the Communities.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision concerning a contribution to the ECSC from the general budget of the Communities (COM(82) 235 final),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 1-262/82),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinion of the Committee for Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 1-313/82),
1. Confirms that the decision of the two arms of the budgetary authority, taken in the course of the budgetary procedure, to place at the disposal of the European Coal and Steel Community the means to finance special aid, constitutes a sufficient legal basis for the transfer of these budget funds to the ECSC;
 2. Considers therefore that the proposal from the Commission for a specific decision from the Council is superfluous, especially having regard to the fact that, in accordance with Article 49 of the ECSC Treaty, the ECSC may receive gifts;
 3. Leaves to Council the responsibility for taking a new decision on this question if it considers this necessary;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council.

OPINION

of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment

Letter from the chairman to
Mr LANGE, Chairman of the
Committee on Budgets

Dear Mr Lange,

At its meeting of 27 and 28 May 1982 the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment considered the proposal for a Council Decision with regard to a contribution to the ECSC out of the general budget of the European Communities (Doc. 1-262/82 - COM(82) 235 final).

The committee points out that, like the European Parliament as a whole, it has always advocated that the restructuring of the iron and steel sector should be accompanied by Community, and hence Community-financed, measures in the social sphere¹ and that in considering the 1982 draft budget it did its utmost to ensure that Article 650 was included in the final budget for the current financial year.

It is therefore clear that the committee welcomes the proposal for a decision in which provision is made for contributions to the ECSC out of the general budget, to finance social policy measures not only for a single year² but in the longer term.

The Committee on Social Affairs and Employment therefore urges the Committee on Budgets and the European Parliament to approve the proposal in view of the urgent need for the resources in question.

Yours sincerely,

E. PAPAEFSTRATIOU

Present: Mr PAPAEFSTRATIOU, Mr BOYES, Mr CHANTERIE, Mr EISMA, Mr LEZZI, Mrs MALJ-WEGGEN, Mr MICHEL, Mr Van MINNEN, Mr PATTERSON, Mrs SALISCH, Mr TUCKMAN and Mr VANDEWIELE.

¹ PETERS report (Doc. 1-215/80), EP resolution of 11.7.1980, OJ No. C 197/80; PETERS opinion in the HOFF report (Doc. 1-266/80), EP resolution of 11.7.1980

² See Decision No. 82/164/EEC; OJ No. L 74/82, p. 27; the Council decided on a contribution of 112 million ECU for 1981