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on the modifications made by the Council to the amendments adopted by Parliament to the following sections:

- Section IV 'COURT OF JUSTICE'
- Section V 'COURT OF AUDITORS',

of the draft general budget for the financial year 1983

Rapporteur: Mr H. SABY

On 27 January 1982 the Committee on Budgets appointed Mr Saby rapporteur for Section I 'Parliament', Section II 'Council', Annex I to Section II 'Economic and Social Committee', Section IV 'Court of Justice' and Section V 'Court of Auditors' of the Draft General Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1983.

At its meeting of 7 December 1982 the Committee on Budgets adopted the following Motion for a Resolution by 15 votes in favour. The amendments adopted by the Committee on Budgets at this meeting are attached to this report.

The following took part in the vote: Mr Lange, chairman; Mrs Barbarella, vice-chairman; Mrs Pruvot (deputizing for Mr Rossi), vice-chairman; Mr Saby, rapporteur; Mr Baillet, Mr Balfour, Lord Douro, Mr Fich, Mr Gouthier, Mrs Hoff, Mr Jackson, Mr Kellett-Bowman, Mr Louwes, Mr Newton-Dunn and Mrs Scrivener.

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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the modifications made by the Council to the amendments adopted by Parliament to Section IV 'Court of Justice' and Section V 'Court of Auditors' of the draft general budget for the financial year 1983

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the amendments adopted by Parliament on first reading of 28.10.82;
- having regard to the decisions taken by the Council on 22 November 1982 on the draft budget as amended and modified by Parliament on first reading;
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Budgets (doc.1-981/82);

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1. Reinstates, in view of the very modest increase in estimates of the Court of Justice and the Court of Auditors, the amount of 5% of appropriations in Chapters 11 and 12 for expenditure on staff which was reduced by the Council.
2. Reinstates, furthermore, for the Court of Auditors, the creation of a minimum number of posts necessary for audit functions, particularly in the development aid sector, and for the presence of temporary staff to facilitate contacts between the Court of Auditors of the Communities and the national courts of auditors.
3. Adopts amendments to this effect.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT(A) COURT OF JUSTICELIST OF POSTS

1. In Amendment No. 482 Parliament requested the conversion of one A 5 post to A 3 for financial control. The Council feels that this conversion should be from A 5 to A 4.

The Court of Justice has agreed to classify the financial controller in Grade A 4.

There is therefore no need to table an amendment on this subject on second reading.

APPROPRIATIONS

2. In Amendment No. 483 Parliament requested the reinstatement in Chapter 100 of the sum of 423,560 ECU corresponding to the reduction of 5% applied by the Council to Chapters 11 and 12 of the preliminary draft budget.

This amendment was based on the conviction that this sum was necessary. The Court of Justice, furthermore, had stressed that this cut imposed by the Council would seriously hamper the normal operation of the Court, particularly as the overall increase in the estimates in the Court of Justice as proposed in the preliminary draft budget was 4% which was subsequently cut to 2% by the Council in the draft budget.

In its December of 22 November 1982, the Council modified this amendment by fixing the reduction in Chapters 11 and 12 at 3%.

For the above reasons and in view of the firm position taken by the Court of Justice, the rapporteur proposes that the 3% which the Council refused to accept should be reestablished in the amendment. The sum involved is therefore 254,136 ECU to be entered in Chapter 100.

The Council, in reducing from 5% to 2% the increase proposed by Parliament, referred to the size of the budget of the Court of Justice. However, as has been stressed, it is precisely the almost negligible increase in the budget of the Court of Justice from one year to another, an increase which does not even cover the increase in the cost of living, which makes it necessary to reinstate completely the amendment voted on first reading by Parliament.

(B) COURT OF AUDITORS

LIST OF POSTS

3. In Amendment No. 484, Parliament requested:

- the creation of an established A 2 post for the development aid audit sector,
- the creation of 7 temporary A 4 posts and the conversion of 3 A 5 posts to A 4 to provide 10 posts at this level to enable the Court to take on for short periods staff from national audit bodies in order to facilitate contacts between the Court of Auditors and the national courts of auditors.
- Parliament also requested the creation of 5 C posts as a corollary to some of the A posts to be created, and 3 category D posts.

4. The Council, in its Decision of 22 November 1982, accepted only the creation of 2 A 5 posts.

5. The rapporteur believes that in an effort to seek a compromise with the Council Parliament should drop its requests for some of the posts requested on first reading, and consequently on second reading it should retain only the request for the creation of:

- 1 established A 2 post;
- 5 temporary A 4 posts which, in the light of the decisions taken by the Council in drawing up the draft budget and its decision of 22 November 1982, no longer constitute a genuine creation of new posts but rather a conversion of 5 temporary A 5 posts to 5 temporary A 4 posts;

- the creation of only 3 C posts (1 C 1 and 2 C 2);

- the creation of no D posts.

With the aim of keeping expenditure to a minimum, the amount on first reading of 226,310 ECU for the creation of these posts is reduced to 67,060 ECU which, in view of estimated revenue of 10,120 ECU, can be reduced to 56,940 ECU.

APPROPRIATIONS

6. In Amendment No. 485 Parliament requested the cancellation of the standard 5% abatement of appropriations in Chapters 11 and 12 in the preliminary draft budget decided on by the Council. The Council gives no justification for its decision to reject this amendment. It is to be supposed that this totally negative decision is in line with its desire to cut down the budgets of the institutions as far as possible.

However, the Committee on Budgets illustrated in the first reading of the draft budget that this reduction would compromise the work of the Court particularly since the increase in the budget proposed by the Court itself was only of the order of 10% over the 1987 budget, subsequently cut by the Council to 0.97%.

7. For these reasons, the amendment on first reading reinstating the 5% of appropriations in Chapters 11 and 12 for staff must be retained.

8. Parliament also adopted Amendment Nos. 486, 108 and 109 proposing an overall increase of 317,200 ECU for a series of items including in particular mission expenses and the publishing of the Official Journal.

The Council has accepted only an amount of 35,000 ECU for mission expenses. With a view to achieving a compromise, the rapporteur has decided not to retable the main points of these amendments with the exception of:

- a sum of 15,000 ECU for Item 1110 'auxiliary staff';
- a sum of 15,000 ECU for Items 2202 'hire of office machines';
- a sum of 15,000 ECU for Article 270 'Official Journal'.

This would increase appropriations for these items respectively by:

- 70,000 to 85,000 ECU;
- 35,000 to 50,000 ECU;
- 580,000 to 595,000 ECU.

These amendments would appear reasonable in view of the fact that the amounts in these three items of the preliminary draft budget of the Court of Auditors were respectively:

- 104,000 ECU on line 1110;
- 70,000 ECU on line 2202;
- 640,000 ECU on line 270.

(C) SECTIONS OF THE DRAFT BUDGET which need no further examination

9. There is no need to hold a second reading on Section I 'PARLIAMENT' since, to respect Parliament's autonomy, the Council never modifies the amendments (6 in this case) adopted by Parliament itself in the first reading of the draft budget.
10. No amendments should be tabled to Section II 'Council' since in practice the Council has autonomy for its own estimates.
11. As regards Annex I to Section II, the estimates of the ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE, no new amendment need be tabled since Amendment No. 464 covering the creation and conversion of certain posts was accepted by the Council in its decisions of 22 November 1982.

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TO PARLIAMENT'S AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT BUDGET
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 83 (Doc 1-955/82)

AMENDMENT No. 154..

tabled by Mr SABY, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

to the Council's modification to Parliament's amendment No. 483...

SECTION IV 'COURT OF JUSTICE'

Chapter 100

A) EXPENDITURE

Reinstate under Chapter 100 'Provisional appropriations' the sum of 254,136 ECU corresponding to the reduction of 3% applied by the Council to Chapters 11 and 12 of the draft budget amended on first reading by Parliament.

B) COMPENSATION

C) REVENUE

Increase revenue by the same amount

D) REMARKS

Enter under Chapter 100 the budget lines for which the appropriations are earmarked, as shown below:

CHAPTER 11		IN ECUs
110	Officials and temporary staff holding a post provided for in the establishment plan	
1100	Basic salaries	126,738
1101	Family allowances	10,848
1102	Expatriation and foreign residence allowances (including Article 97 of the ECSC Staff Regulations)	19,104
1103	Secretarial allowances	1,722
111	Other staff	
1110	Auxiliary staff	16,800
1112	Local staff	14,640
1113	Special advisers	168
113	Insurance against sickness, accidents and occupational disease	
1130	Insurance against sickness	3,564

1131	Insurance against accidents and occupational disease	726
114	Misceellaneous allowances and grants	
1140	Birth and death grants	78
1141	Annual leave travel expenses	2,250
1144	Fixed local travel allowances	6
1145	Special allowance for accounting officers and administrators of imprest accounts	30
1146	Constitution or maintenance of pension rights for temporary staff	30
1149	Other allowances and repayments	30
115	Overtime	6,018
1172	Other services and work sent out for translation and typing	9,420
119	Provisional appropriation	
1190	Provisional appropriation to cover any adjustments to the remuneration and pensions of officials and other staff	4,908
	CHAPTER 12	
121	Travel expenses (including family members)	
1210	Travel expenses for members of the institution	18
1211	Travel expenses for staff	1,068
122	Installation, resettlement and transfer allowances	
1220	Installation, resettlement and transfer allowances for members of the institution	1,308
1221	Installation, resettlement and transfer allowances for staff	12,600
123	Removal expenses	
1230	Removal expenses for members of the institution	480
1231	Removal expenses for staff	4,872
124	Temporary daily subsistence allowances	15,678
129	Provisional appropriation to cover any adjustments to remuneration and various allowances paid to officials and other servants	1,032

JUSTIFICATION

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AMENDMENT No. 155..

tabled by Mr SABY, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

to the Council's modification to Parliament's amendment No. 484...

SECTION V 'COURT OF AUDITORS'

List of posts

1. Create the following posts:

Cat. A : 1 A 2 established post;
Cat. C : 1 C 1 post and 2 C 2 posts;

2. Upgrade to 5 temporary A 4 posts the 5 temporary A 5 posts approved by the Council in the draft budget and in its decisions on the draft budget as amended by Parliament.

A) EXPENDITURE

Increase the appropriations under Chapter 11 by 67,060 ECU, broken down as follows:

Item 1100	49,700 ECU
Item 1101	5,440 ECU
Item 1102	7,700 ECU
Item 1103	650 ECU
Item 1130	1,490 ECU
Item 1131	330 ECU
Article 119	1,750 ECU

B) COMPENSATION

C) REVENUE

Increase by the same amount (67,060 ECU), including

under Article 400	5,730 ECU
Article 401	3,350 ECU
Article 402	1,040 ECU

Total 10,120 ECU

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AMENDMENT No. 156.

tabled by Mr SABY, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

to the Council's modification to Parliament's amendment No. 485...

SECTION V 'COURT OF AUDITORS'

Payments

Chapters 11 and 12 'expenditure on staff and allowances and expenses on entering and leaving the service and on transfer'.

A) EXPENDITURE

Increase the payment appropriation under these two chapters by 617,817 ECU (from 11,769,881 to 12,387,698 ECU) in accordance with the breakdown shown below (reinstatement of the appropriations shown in the preliminary draft budget confirmed on first reading by Parliament)

B) COMPENSATION

C) REVENUE

Increase revenue by the same amount.

Breakdown of appropriations

<u>Line</u>	<u>Heading</u>	<u>Increase</u>
1100	Basic salaries	420,515
1101	Family allowances	46,005
1102	Expatriation allowances	65,175
1103	Secretarial allowances	3,199
1110	Auxiliary staff	3,500
1111	Auxiliary interpreters	1,500
1112	Local staff	5,500
1130	Insurance against sickness	15,420

1131	Insurance against accidents	2,823
1140	Birth grants	300
1141	Annual leave travel expenses	6,000
1145	Special allowance for accounting officers and administrators of imprest accounts	150
1146	Constitution or maintenance of pension rights for temporary staff	341
1149	Other allowances and repayments	150
115	Overtime	4,000
1170	Freelance interpreters	600
1172	Other services and work sent out for translation	
1190	Provisional appropriation to cover any adjustments to the remuneration	14,816
120	Misc. expenditure on recruitment	1,500
1210	Travel expenses for Members	472
1211	Travel expenses for staff	635
1220	Installation allowances for Members	3,150
1221	Installation allowances for staff	8,850
1230	Removal expenses for Members	1,620
1231	Removal expenses for staff	4,750
124	Temporary daily allowances	935
125	Allowances for staff assigned non-active status, etc	5,270
129	Provisional appropriation to cover any adjustments to remuneration	641
		618,817 ECU

JUSTIFICATION

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However, the Committee on Budgets illustrated in the first reading of the draft budget that this reduction would compromise the work of the Court particularly since the increase in the budget proposed by the Court itself was only of the order of 10% over the 1982 budget, subsequently cut by the Council to 0.97%.

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AMENDMENT No. 157.

tabled by Mr SABY, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

to the Council's modification to Parliament's amendment No. 486..

SECTION V 'COURT OF AUDITORS'

CHAPTERS 11 and 22

A) EXPENDITURE

Reinstate in the above chapters the sums of 15,000 ECU for Item 1110 'auxiliary staff' and 15,000 ECU for Item 2202 'hire of office machines'.

B) COMPENSATION

C) REVENUE

Increase revenue by the same amount

JUSTIFICATION

It should be recalled that Parliament requested a sum of 207,200 ECU on first reading. The rapporteur has reduced his request to 30,000 ECU in an attempt to seek a compromise with the Council which entirely rejected this draft amendment.

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AMENDMENT No. 158.

tabled by Mr SABY, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

to the Council's modification to Parliament's amendment No. 109...

SECTION V 'COURT OF AUDITORS'

Article 270 - Official Journal

PAYMENTS

A) EXPENDITURE

Increase appropriations by 15,000 ECU (from 580,000 to 595,000 ECU)

B) COMPENSATION

C) REVENUE

Increase revenue by the same amount

JUSTIFICATION

The Court estimates that it requires appropriations totalling 640,000 ECU to cover the items it publishes in the Official Journal. The Committee on Budgetary Control believes that this sum is needed to ensure that the findings of the Court are properly publicised.

The Council did not accept the increase of 60,000 ECU requested by Parliament. It gave no justification for its decision.

The rapporteur, in a desire to seek compromise, feels that on second reading an amendment for a sum of 15,000 ECU should be retained.

