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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

pursuant to Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure
(urgent procedure)

to wind up the debate on the presentation of the
1982 draft budget drawn up by the Council

Rapporteur : Mr A. SPINELLI

PE 74.687

The European Parliament,

1. Reaffirms as urgent priority objectives reform of the budget, the development of common structural policies and cooperation policy, the control of agricultural expenditure in sectors which are in structural surplus, the elimination of unacceptable situations for any one of the Member States and the possibility of exceeding, if necessary, the 1% VAT ceiling;
2. Considers that the draft 1982 budget drawn up by the Council shows no sign of any commitment to pursue the necessary policies and merely imposes arbitrary cuts on the credits provided for in the preliminary draft budget, which are already quite insufficient, without even attempting to justify the fact that, in this way, Community activity is reduced at the very moment when it is most needed;
3. Affirms the need to maintain at least the overall level of payment appropriations provided for in the preliminary draft budget;
4. Invites the Commission to make early use of its right of initiative, based on the demands of the European Parliament and on its report to the Council in response to the mandate of 30 May 1980 and to present during the course of October, a duly reasoned and complete timetable of proposals for decisions and regulations, enabling the Parliament to take into account, on the first reading of the draft budget, its financial consequences for 1982, particularly in respect of commitment appropriations.
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.