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to the report by Mrs SCRIVENER
on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

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OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND
EMPLOYMENT

on the proposal from the Commission of the European
Communities to the Council (COM(83) 696 - Doc. 1-1236/83)
for a regulation establishing special measures of
Community interest in the field of employment

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

Mr LANGE
Chairman of the Committee
on Budgets
Centre Européen
LUXEMBOURG

Subject : Proposal for a regulation establishing special measures of
Community interest in the field of employment (Doc. 1-1236/83)

Dear Mr Chairman,

The Committee on Social Affairs and Employment considered the above-mentioned proposal at its meeting of 31 January/1 February 1984, in the presence of a representative of the Commission of the European Communities.

In the light of the favourable opinion it recently delivered on a similar proposal in favour of Greece¹ (17 October 1983), and of the position adopted by the European Parliament in December during the debate on the 1984 general budget, the committee also approves the broad lines of the present proposal relating to the United Kingdom.

The Committee on Social Affairs and Employment did not make a detailed study of the budgetary implications and technical financial aspects of the proposal, which, in its view, are a matter for the Committee on Budgets. However, it would draw the attention of that committee and of the European Parliament to the regrettable fact that under Article 6(2) of the proposal relating to Greece the Community's contribution may be up to 55% whereas Article 4(3) of the present proposal in favour of the United Kingdom provides that the

¹ Doc. 1-919/83, p. 10 (PAPANTONIOU report)

Community contribution may be up to 70%.

The Committee on Social Affairs and Employment favours in principle the higher contribution by the Community.

The Committee on Social Affairs and Employment considers that the committee responsible and the European Parliament should adopt a clear position on this aspect of the proposal.

(sgd) E. PAPAEFSTRATIOU
Chairman

The following took part in the vote: Mr Papaefstratiou, chairman; Mr Frischmann, vice-chairman; Mr Alexiadis (substitute, non-attached), Mr Barbagli, Mr Bournias (deputizing for Mr Brok), Mrs Cassanmagnago Cerretti, Mr Ceravolo, Mr Chanterie, Mrs Dury (deputizing for Ms Clwyd), Mr Ghergo, Mrs Kellett-Bowman (deputizing for Mr Simpson), Mrs Maij-Weggen, Mrs T. Nielsen, Mr Ouzounidis (deputizing for Mr Motchane), Mr Patterson, Mr Prag and Mrs Salisch.