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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgetary Control

on the administrative expenditure of the European
Parliament for the period 1 January to 31 December 1982
(financial year 1982)

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On 10 March 1983 the President of the European Parliament forwarded to the Committee on Budgetary Control, pursuant to Rule 115(2) of the Rules of Procedure, the report on the administrative expenditure of the European Parliament for the 1982 financial year.

On 28 January 1983 the Committee on Budgetary Control confirmed the appointment of Mr Saby, the member responsible for monitoring Parliament's expenditure, as rapporteur.

The Committee on Budgetary Control considered the draft report at its meeting of 24 March 1983.

At the same meeting it adopted the motion for a resolution as a whole by 9 votes to 1.

The Committee on Budgetary Control unanimously decided to recommend that Parliament adopt its report without debate pursuant to Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure.

The following were present during the vote on the motion for a resolution as a whole: Mr Aigner, chairman; Mrs Boserup, vice-chairman; Mr Saby, rapporteur; Mr Alber, Mr Arndt, Mr Gabert, Mr Kellett-Bowman, Mr Key, Mr Notenboom and Mr Schön.

This report was tabled on 24 March 1983.

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be published separately)

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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the administrative expenditure of the European Parliament for the period 1 January - 31 December 1982 (financial year 1982)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (Doc. 1-100/83)

1. Considers that the summary of the administrative expenditure of the Parliament (PE 83.127) forwarded to the Committee on Budgetary Control does not fully meet the requirements of Article 74 of the Financial Regulation. Indeed, the section 'analysis of financial management' is quite inadequate.

2. Notes that the breakdown of available appropriations is as follows:

- appropriations for the financial year 1982	209,229,150.00 ECU
- non-automatic carry-forwards from the financial year 1981	618,000.00 "
- appropriations automatically carried forward from the financial year 1981	<u>15,738,783.53 "</u>
• Total	225,585,933.53 ECU

3. Notes the following utilization of the available appropriations for the 1982 financial year:

- commitments entered into	198,759,911.30 ECU
- payments made	161,955,683.20 "
- sums remaining to be paid	36,804,228.10 "
- appropriations automatically carried forward ...	36,804,228.10 "
- appropriations cancelled	10,469,238.70 "

4. Notes the following utilization of the appropriations carried forward from the 1981 financial year:

	<u>appropriations</u> <u>automatically</u> <u>carried forward</u>	<u>non-automatic</u> <u>carry-forwards</u>
- payments made.....	10,969,982.37 ECU	298,394.66 ECU
- unused appropriations to be cancelled	4,768,801.16 "	319,605.34 "

5. The following appropriations were cancelled during the financial year:

- cancellation of appropriations for the 1982 financial year	10,469,238.70 ECU
- cancellation of appropriations automatically carried forward from the 1981 financial year ...	4,768,801.16 "
- cancellation of appropriations non-automatically carried forward from the 1981 financial year ...	<u>319,605.34 "</u>
Total cancellations	15,557,645.20 ECU

6. Appropriations to be carried forward:

36,804,228.10 ECU

7. Notes that own resources for the financial year amounted to:

18,924,182.19 ECU

8. Considers as absolutely essential, both for the determination of the estimates of appropriations for each financial year and for the proper implementation of the budget that:

- (a) when the budgetary estimates are being drawn up, the responsible officers (or the delegated authorizing officers) should have at their disposal:

1. The decisions taken by the responsible authority which will have future financial effects;
 2. The final version of the definitive accounts for the financial year (n - 1) for each relevant budgetary line.
- (b) After the adoption of the budget for the year (n + 1) by the budgetary authority, and at the latest by 1 February of the current financial year, the responsible officers should receive notification of the budgetary envelope for whose implementation they will be responsible for the current year.
- (c) There should be established, as rapidly as possible, technical methods (both computerized and office-based) which would satisfy the requirements which follow:
1. The maximum decentralization of the execution of the work (for example, light equipment such as desk-top computers) for each directorate-general, enabling them to establish a system of internal analytical accounting (on the basis of a common classification) and thus to have available at all times an instantaneous picture of the state of implementation of the budget.
 2. Centralization at the highest level (President, Secretary-General, Director of the Budget) of all budgetary information; for example: a computer linked by the appropriate interfaces to the desk-top computers in the directorates-general so that, at any time, the President (the authorizing officer) can be informed of the budgetary situation and the state of its implementation.

Moreover, a terminal could also be used by the financial controller at any time so that he would be in a position to give his opinion very rapidly.

- (d) There should also be established a 'committee on rational budgetary choices' (R.B.C.) composed of:
- the President (the principal authorizing officer) of the Parliament;
 - the Secretary-General;

- all the delegated authorizing officers (or responsible officers);
- the rapporteur of the Committee on Budgetary Control responsible for the implementation of the current budget and in a consultative capacity
- the financial controller;
- the head of the budget division.

This committee would meet each quarter before the quarterly summary of expenditure was presented.

It would make possible the presentation of an exhaustive quarterly summary and could make proposals to rationalize the budgetary choices (R.B.C.).

9. Requests its President, in order to change and improve the present situation, to apply immediately the measures mentioned above.

In order to achieve this, requests the Bureau of Parliament to approve the proposal of the Committee on Budgetary Control to entrust the rapporteur for the budget of Parliament for 1982 to draw up an own initiative report in conjunction with the President of Parliament and the relevant services.

10. Observes that, in any case, it will be necessary for the Committee on Budgetary Control to return to the matter when it examines the discharge in respect of the 1982 financial year;
11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, the attached accounts and the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control to the Commission to enable it to draw up the revenue and expenditure account and the annual balance sheet of the Community pursuant to Article 73 of the Financial Regulation.