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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr PANNELLA

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the amendment of certain budget provisions
and on the financing of the parliamentary
institutions provided for by the Second
Convention of Lomé

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 177 of the Second Convention of Lomé, Article 2 of Protocol 2 on the operating expenditure of the Institutions and Article 23 of the Rules of Procedure, which states that 'on a proposal from the Bureau, the Assembly shall lay down its financial regulations',
 - whereas, as far as the Community is concerned, this expenditure is covered by Item 3700 of the European Parliament's budget, which simply gives the general total of the appropriations without any breakdown,
 - whereas a parliamentary and political action programme cannot be drawn up unless it is known what funds are available, since otherwise political control over any plan or decision adopted within the two parliamentary institutions' terms of reference is liable to be 'institutionally irresponsible' and might even take the form of a refusal to provide funds for unacceptable proposals,
 - whereas each Community institution has its own budget for which it draws up preliminary estimates and whereas Lomé II provides for different and distinct institutions, two of them parliamentary bodies,
 - whereas it is more necessary than ever to ensure clarity and transparency in the financing of the 'joint' institutions in view of the - not exactly favourable - reactions of much of Europe's press and some Members of Parliament to the numerous activities carried out in this area,
 - whereas, moreover, the Lomé II institutions present special features which make them privileged forums for contact and dialogue between the representatives of the associated countries,
1. Strongly contends that the development of the ACP-EEC parliamentary institutions calls for an immediate and substantial increase in the funds allocated to them, without which there is little or no chance of their being able to function effectively and independently;
 2. Calls on the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers to increase the financial appropriations for the administration of the ACP-EEC parliamentary institutions to a total sum of at least 3 million EUA a year;
 3. Requests the Council also, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and with a view to ensuring sound financial management while allowing the joint institutions to expand and intensify their activities, to include in the annual report a detailed draft budget of the funds available to the two parliamentary institutions based on a preliminary

draft budget drawn up by the Joint Committee and forwarded to the Council not later than 31 May of each year; the Council's draft budget must be presented by 31 July of each year to the Consultative Assembly; the Assembly might amend this text without increasing the overall amount of the appropriations and would then adopt the budget;

4. Undertakes to include the draft budget of the ACP-EEC parliamentary institutions as forwarded to it by the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly with a detailed list of items of expenditure;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Co-president of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly, to the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers and to the Commission and the Council of the European Communities.