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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on the ~~Council's~~ refusal to establish a
draft supplementary and amending budget
allocating appropriations saved in the
agricultural sector to the fight against
unemployment and against hunger in the
world

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The Committee on Budgets decided to submit a report to Parliament following the Council's refusal to establish draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/82 allocating appropriations saved in the agricultural sector to the fight against unemployment and against hunger in the world.

This report was drawn up by Mrs BARBARELLA, rapporteur.

At its meeting of 13 September 1982 the Committee on Budgets adopted the following resolution by 10 votes to 2 with 1 abstention.

Present : Mr LANGE, Chairman, Mrs BARBARELLA, Vice-Chairman and rapporteur, Mr BAILLOT, Mr BALFOUR, Mr BATTERSBY (deputizing for Mr SIMMONDS), Mrs BOSERUP, Mr CLUSKEY, Mr FERRI (deputizing for Mr ORLANDI), Mrs HOFF, Mr KELLET-BOWMAN, Mr PRICE, Mr SABY, Mrs WIECZOREK-ZEUL (deputizing for Mr ABENS).

The explanatory statement will be presented orally.

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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the Council's refusal to establish a draft supplementary and amending budget allocating appropriations saved in the agricultural sector to the fight against unemployment and against hunger in the world.

The European Parliament,

- A. Having regard to preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/82 (COM (82) 360),
- B. Having regard to Parliament's resolution of 8 July 1982 concerning preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/82 (Doc. 477/82),
- C. Having regard to the Council's deliberations of 27 and 28 July 1982,
- D. Drawing attention to :
 - its requests to the effect that the fight against unemployment should be considered as a priority (Parliament's resolution on its position with regard to the budgetary policy of the Communities for 1983)¹,
 - its resolutions on hunger in the world²,
- E. Having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-613/82),
 1. Takes the view that the Council's refusal to establish draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/82 proposed by the Commission is in flagrant contradiction to the priorities for Community action acknowledged by the three institutions:

¹ OJ C 125 of 17.5.82

² OJ C 182 of 19.7.82, OJ C 265 of 13.10.82

2. Points out that the Council's action runs counter to its previous policy, as expressed at the meeting of the European Council on 29 and 30 March 1982, on measures to combat unemployment and in its decisions of 15 June 1982 on hunger in the world;
3. Stresses that no squabbles over powers or considerations relating to Parliament's margin for manoeuvre should have been allowed to vitiate any decisions on the reallocation of the appropriations saved in the agricultural sector since, in the first instance, these decisions relate to the role it would be desirable for the Community to play in the fight against unemployment and are essential to the Community's credibility at home and abroad;
4. Takes the view that the Commission's power of initiative in the budgetary field is a matter which concerns not just the Council but both arms of the budgetary authority and that therefore by rejecting the Community's proposals on its own responsibility the Council has acted in violation of the spirit of the 'joint declaration by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on various measures to improve the budgetary procedure';
5. Demands that at all events the savings made in 1982 (not only the 500 million ECU utilized in preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/82 but also any savings which have been made in the meantime or which may subsequently be made) should be set aside for the objectives recommended in preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/82;
6. Requests, therefore, that at the initiative of its President, the presidents of the three institutions should meet without delay - in accordance with Section III, paragraph 5 of the joint declaration of 30 June 1982 - 'to consider unresolved problems in order to prepare joint proposals for solutions to be

submitted to the institutions';

7. Stresses that the Council's refusal to establish the draft supplementary and amending budget will inevitably have repercussions on the 1983 budget and will make relations between the two arms of the budgetary authority more difficult.

