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COMMON POSITION

from the Council of the European Communities

on the proposal for a Regulation amending the Financial Regulation of
21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European
Communities

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COUNCIL
OF THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Brussels, 22 November 1978

Mr Emilio COLOMBO
President of the
European Parliament
Case Postale 1601

LUXEMBOURG
(Grand Duchy of Luxembourg)

Sir,

At its meeting on 20 November 1978, the Council adopted a common position on the draft Regulation annexed hereto, designed to simplify presentation of research and investment appropriations in the Community budget.

The Council is well aware of the importance the European Parliament attaches to the whole of the Commission proposal amending the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977. It would point out, however, that the adoption of the attached draft Regulation in no way prejudices the common position which the Council will endeavour to evolve as soon as possible in respect of the other parts of this proposal, including the question of whether the figures given in research programme decisions are binding or indicative.

The Council would also point out that the adoption of the draft Regulation appended is extremely pressing as Chapter 33 of the draft 1979 budget was drawn up on the basis of the simplified presentation of appropriations.

Since the European Parliament has given overall approval to the Commission proposal amending the Financial Regulation and the attached draft Regulation retains unchanged that part of the proposal concerning the simplified presentation of research appropriations, the Council hopes that the European Parliament will be able to agree to this draft rapidly so that the Council may adopt it as soon as possible.

I would also take this opportunity to draw your attention to a correction that should be made to the Annex to Chapter 33 (page III/II/1 of vol. 4, Section III - Commission) of the draft 1979 budget. When the Council examined the amendment of research appropriations in the Financial Regulation it noted, in agreement with the Commission, that the footnote at the bottom of the page of the Annex is incorrect and is based neither on the current Financial Regulation nor on the draft Regulation appended. The Council accordingly requests that this footnote be deleted in the final version of the budget.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

M. LAHNSTEIN

Enclosure