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drawn up behalf of the Committee on Budgets

following the Council's deliberations on the amendments to the 1979 draft
general budget adopted by Parliament on 25 October 1978 on

Annex I to Section II "Council":

Economic and Social Committee

Rapporteur: Mr C. RIPAMONTI

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On 13 March 1978 the Committee on Budgets appointed Mr Ripamonti rapporteur on Section II 'Council' (and Annex I thereto 'Economic and Social Committee') of the draft general budget of the European Communities for the 1979 financial year.

The Committee on Budgets unanimously adopted the following report and the attached amendment at its meeting of 4-5 December 1978.

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Bangemann and Mr Cointat, Vice-chairmen; Mr Ripamonti, rapporteur; Mr van Aerssen, Lord Bessborough, Lord Bruce of Donington, Mr Caro, Mr Croze, Mrs Dahlerup, Mr Dankert, Mr Früh, Mr Inchauspé, Mr Meintz, Mr B. Nielsen, Mr Ryan, Mr Schreiber, Mr Shaw, Mr Spinelli and Mr Würtz.

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The Committee on Budgets hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

following the Council's deliberations on the amendments to the 1979 draft general budget adopted by Parliament on 25 October 1978 on Annex I to Section II 'Council': Economic and Social Committee.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Council's deliberations on the amendments to the 1979 draft general budget adopted by Parliament on 25 October 1978,
- having regard to the ^{supplementary} report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 505/78),

- having regard to the fact that the Council's deliberations on the amendment proposed by Parliament on 25 October 1978 contain no justification for rejecting the reasoned arguments put forward in support of the amendment adopted by Parliament,

confirms through an amendment its decision of 25 October 1978 to strengthen the establishment plan of the Economic and Social Committee

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. On 2 October 1978 Parliament adopted a report by Mr Ripamonti on the draft budget of the Economic and Social Committee in which attention was drawn to the inadequacy of the reasons given by the Council for not approving 8 of the 17 posts requested by the Economic and Social Committee to ensure the normal continuation of its activities.

2. On the same date, Parliament adopted two amendments tabled by the Committee on Budgets concerning the establishment plan of the Economic and Social Committee:

- one seeking to add one A 4 post which the Economic and Social Committee had agreed to include in its establishment plan for the transfer of an official from the former Audit Board of the Communities;
- the other in support of the Economic and Social Committee's proposals that were rejected by the Council seeking to create, in addition to the 9 posts approved by the Council, the 8 posts requested by the Committee, i.e.: 1 A 6, 2 B 2, 1 B 4, 2 B 5 secretarial, 1 C 4 and 1 D 1.

These amendments were unanimously adopted.

3. When considering Parliament's amendments, the Council adopted the amendment concerning the transfer of an A 4 official from the former Audit Board but again rejected the amendment concerning the eight posts.

The Council does not give its reasons for adopting this negative attitude: it feels that it must maintain the position it adopted when drawing up the draft budget on 20 July and that the staff proposed in the draft budget should enable the Economic and Social Committee to perform its normal activities in 1979.

4. The Committee on Budgets must now obviously retable the amendment adopted unanimously at the first reading, not only because, as it said then, the committee's requests were perfectly justified but also because the weakness or lack of further arguments put forward by the Council is all the more serious as it detracts from the inter-institutional

dialogue which must acquire greater substance in the budgetary field if the letter and spirit of the Treaty's budgetary provisions are to be respected.

5. The Committee on Budgets is moreover convinced that the Economic and Social Committee should be enabled whenever possible, to exercise the powers conferred on it by the Treaties much more vigorously, regularly and meaningfully, especially as it is a body composed of European organizations that represent economic and social sectors with a direct interest in Community activities and must therefore actively participate in the Community's integration process.

It is therefore obvious that the Committee's budget must from now on be placed on a quite different footing, not only as regards staffing requirements but also in terms of budgetary nomenclature which must conform more closely to the objectives laid down in the Treaties for the activities of the Committee.

The Committee on Budgets and Parliament will undoubtedly give this matter attention in the near future.

Conclusions

6. Because of the reasons given above, the validity of the amendment tabled and adopted at the first reading, and the inadequacy of the arguments put forward by the Council in support of its deliberations, the Committee on Budgets has unanimously decided to retable for the second reading the amendment on the creation of the 8 posts specified above.



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COUNCIL MODIFICATIONS
TO PARLIAMENT'S AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT BUDGET
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1979 ~~Doc. 296/79~~

AMENDMENT No. 80.

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the Council's modification to Parliament's amendment No. 299...

SECTION II - COUNCIL - Annex I - Economic and Social Committee

List of posts - add the following 8 posts to the establishment plan:

1 A 6 (Group III), 2 B 2, 1 B 4, 2 B 5 Secretarial Assistants, 1 C 4,
1 D 1

A - Expenditure

Increase the payment appropriation by 87,700 EUA (from 10,756,500 -
the total under Title 1 - to 10,844,200 EUA) in accordance with the
breakdown shown below.

B - Compensation

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C - Revenue

Increase revenue by 75,280 EUA

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Item 1100 - Basic salaries	+ 51,000 (from 7,290,000 to 7,341,000)
Item 1101 - Family allowances	+ 4,100 (from 582,000 to 586,100)
Item 1102 - Expatriation allowances (incl. Art. 97 of ECSC Staff Regulations)	+ 8,100 (from 1,055,000 to 1,063,100)
Item 1130 - Sickness insurance	+ 1,500 (from 217,600 to 219,100)
Item 1131 - Accident insurance and occupational diseases	+ 700 (from 77,400 to 78,100)

Item 1141 - Travel expenses on annual leave	+	560	(from 80,500 to 81,060)
Art. 119 - Provisional appropriations to cover any adjustment of the remuneration of officials and other servants of the European Communities	+	3,050	(from 440,000 to 443,050)
Item 1211 - Travel expenses (incl. members of the family) - staff	+	690	(from 2,500 to 3,190)
Item 1221 - Installation, resettlement and transfer allowances - staff	+	5,900	(from 31,000 to 36,900)
Item 1231 - Removal expenses - staff	+	5,200	(from 17,500 to 22,700)
Item 1241 - Temporary daily subsistence allowances - staff	+	6,900	(from 33,500 to 40,400)

REMARKS

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Justification

The Parliament unanimously felt on first reading that the requests made by the Economic and Social Committee in respect of its establishment plan were well justified and therefore endorsed those requests. The 8 posts in question are to be considered as the minimum necessary for the Committee to maintain the level of its activities.

The Committee on Budgets considers it imperative to restore this amendment, not only because the requests made by the Economic and Social Committee constituted a necessary minimum but also to ensure that the development of the activities of that Committee is not jeopardized; the Committee must in future acquire the dimension needed to ensure that the European organizations representing the economic and social sectors directly concerned by the activities of the Communities are able to exercise a role commensurate with their importance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

BREAKDOWN OF ITEMS

EXPENDITURE - Chapter 11 - Article 110 - Item 1100		7,341,000	EUA
	Item 1101	586,100	EUA
	Item 1102	1,063,100	EUA
	Item 1130	219,100	EUA
	Item 1131	78,100	EUA
	Item 1141	81,060	EUA
	Article 119	443,050	EUA
	Article 120 - Item 1211	3,190	EUA
	Item 1221	36,900	EUA
	Item 1231	22,700	EUA
	Item 1241	40,400	EUA
REVENUE - Chapter 40	8,970	1,196,970	
Chapter 41	3,450	485,450	
TOTAL:	12,420	1,682,420	

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