Report
drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on the proposal to transfer appropriations, within Section III — “Commission” —
of the General Budget for 1977, amounting to 8 million u.a. from Chapter 100
“Provisional appropriations” to Item 3710 “Basic research in the aerospace sector”

Rapporteur: Lord BRUCE of DONINGTON
At its meeting of 16 January 1978 the Committee on Budgets examined a proposal forwarded by the Commission of the European Communities on 13 December 1977 to transfer appropriations within Section III - 'Commission' of the General Budget for 1977, amounting to 8 million u.a. from Chapter 100, 'Provisional appropriations' to Item 3710, 'Basic research in the aerospace sector'.

At its meeting of 16 January 1978 the Committee on Budgets appointed Lord Bruce of Donington rapporteur and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution.

Present: Mr Lange, Chairman; Mr Aigner, Vice-Chairman; Mr Bangemann, Vice-Chairman; Lord Bruce of Donington, rapporteur; Mr Brugha (deputizing for Mr Yeats), Mr Früh, Mr Müller Hans-Werner, Mr Schreiber, Mr Shaw and Mr Würtz.

The rapporteur will explain the motion for a resolution orally.
The Committee on Budgets hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal to transfer appropriations, within Section III - "Commission" - of the General Budget for 1977, amounting to 8 million u.a. from Chapter 100, "Provisional appropriations" to Item 3710, "Basic research in the aerospace sector"

The European Parliament

- having regard to the procedure decided at its session of 18 September 1973\(^1\) which envisaged that the Committee on Budgets would ask for the approval of the Assembly for proposed transfers within Section III of the General Budget, where these transfers raised matters of political importance,

- aware of the importance of new initiatives in the European aerospace sector which are long overdue,

- aware that a sum of 8 million u.a. was voted for this item and placed in the reserve under Chapter 100 in the context of the agreement between the Institutions on the adoption of the 1977 budget,

- aware that this budgetary line was not implemented during the course of 1977 despite frequently expressed concern by the European Parliament,

- aware that the transfer and carrying forward of these appropriations to the 1978 budget, to add to the total voted for aerospace operations, was part of the agreement between the Institutions on the 1978 budget and was considered as necessary to provide the minimum level of appropriations making the programme viable,

- having regard to amendment no. 420/79 which laid down this agreement and which was approved on 15 December 1977,

\(^1\) OJ No. C 83 of 11 October 1973
1. Approves the proposed transfer of appropriations;

2. Insists that Council does not delay giving effect to the budgetary decisions of the European Parliament with regard to the budgetary line in question, and that it therefore speedily approves the transfer of appropriations within the 1977 budget and their subsequent carrying forward to 1978;

3. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution to the Council and to the Commission of the European Communities.