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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on ~~draft~~ amending budget no. 1 of the European Communities for the 1978 financial year, drawn up by the Council

(Doc. 544/77)

Rapporteur: Mr M. SHAW

On 31 January 1978 the Commission of the European Communities transmitted preliminary draft amending and supplementary budget no. 1 for 1978.

The Council established draft amending budget no. 1 for 1978 on 10 February 1978 and transmitted it to the European Parliament on 13 February 1978.

Mr STAW's mandate as rapporteur was confirmed by the Committee on Budgets.

The Committee on Budgets considered the draft report on 13 February 1978 and adopted it by 11 votes to 2.

Present: Mr Lange (chairman); Mr Albertini (deputizing for Mr Amadei); Lord Bessborough, Lord Bruce of Donington, Mrs Dahlerup, Mr Dankert, Mr Früh, Mr Hamilton, Mr Ripamonti, Mr Schreiber, Mr Scott-Hojkins, Mr Spinelli and Mr Würtz.

The explanatory statement will be given orally.

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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on draft amending budget no. 1 of the European Communities for the 1978 financial year, drawn up by the Council

The European Parliament,

- having regard to preliminary draft amending and supplementary budget no. 1 of the European Communities for the 1978 financial year (COM(78) 15);
 - having regard to draft amending budget no. 1 of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year, drawn up by the Council (Doc. 544/77);
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 547/77);
- (a) Believing that the existence of a full system of own resources for the budget of the Communities is essential if the future development of a unified Europe is to be safeguarded;
 - (b) Recalling the deep significance which it has attached over the past decade to the implementing of the value added tax element of own resources;
 - (c) Deploping the failure of Member States to take the necessary steps in good time, to make Community value added tax operational from 1 January 1978;
1. Deplores that this draft amending budget should have been rendered necessary by the failure to have the Community value added tax in operation from the beginning of the current financial year;
 2. Observes that the provisions of Article 1 of the Sixth Directive¹ on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to value added tax have been infringed;
 3. Believes that steps should be taken and completed forthwith, by the Commission and Member States, to obviate the possibility of similar difficulties arising in relation to the 1979 budgetary procedure;
 4. Approves this draft amending budget.

¹ OJ No. L 145, page 1, 13 June 1977

