REPORT
drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets
on Section II (Council) and
Annex I (Economic and Social Committee)
of the draft general budget of the
European Communities for the financial year 1979

Rapporteur: Mr C. RIPAMONTI
On 14 March 1978 the Committee on Budgets appointed Mr RIPAMONTI rapporteur on Section II (Council)

At its meeting of 17 October 1978 the Committee on Budgets unanimously adopted the following resolution.

The amendment concerning the Economic and Social Committee adopted by the Committee on Budgets at the same meeting is annexed to this report.

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Aigner, first vice-chairman; Mr Bangemann, second vice-chairman; Mr Ripamonti, rapporteur; Lord Bessborough, Lord Bruce of Donington, Mr Dalyell, Mr Dankert, Mr Früh, Mr Meintz, Mr Nielsen, Mr Radoux, Mr Rossi, Mr Schreiber, Mr Shaw, Mr Spinelli, Mr Verhaegen (deputizing for Mr H.W. Müller) 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**

on Section II (Council) and Annex I (Economic and Social Committee) of the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1979

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft general budget for the 1979 financial year and its explanatory memorandum (Doc. 296/78),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 394/78),

1. Approves Section II of the draft budget relating to the expenditure and revenue of the Council;

2. Feels that one A 4 post should be created in the secretariat of the Economic and Social Committee for an official of the former Audit Board.
I. COUNCIL ESTIMATES

1. The Committee on Budgets notes that the appropriations in the Council's estimates for 1979 amount to 102,768,300 EUA, an increase of 5.8% over 1978 (97,117,702 EUA).

   The estimates for the Council and the Parliament have developed in similar ways in recent years, which is natural in view of the parallel growth of their activities.

   Moreover, the details of the appropriations entered are more or less the same. The greater part of the appropriations are devoted to staff emoluments. In the Council's budget, as in the Parliament's, expenditure on rental of buildings is particularly high, which should lead all the institutions to look into the general question of their accommodation policy.

2. The Council's establishment plan has grown from 1,511 posts to 1,541. The new permanent posts are divided among the various categories as follows: 2 in category A, 3 in category B, 17 in category C and 8 in category D. These increases do not call for any specific comment. The rapporteur would like to see, both in the Council and in the other institutions, staff requirements being decided on after consultation with the staff committee. He feels that in every institution the collaboration of the staff committee can be particularly fruitful, not only in determining growth requirements but particularly in the policy followed with respect to promotion, enabling those concerned to achieve a real career within the European public service.

II. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE ESTIMATES

3. The 1979 appropriations for the Economic and Social Committee amount to 16,560,000 EUA, an increase of 5.4% over 1978 (15,751,660 EUA).

4. The Committee on Budgets has noted that the Economic and Social Committee has agreed to insert, on its establishment plan, one A 4 post for an official of the former Audit Board. It proposes an amendment in consequence.
At its meeting of 17 October the Committee on Budgets also raised the question of extending the establishment plan of the Economic and Social Committee by inserting 2 B 2 posts, 1 B 4, 2 B 5, 1 C 4 and 1 D 1, following the requests made for this increase by the Economic and Social Committee to the Council. A proposal to this effect was not, however, adopted.
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

19 October 1978

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GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1979

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 234

tabled by Mr. Ripamonti, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION II - COUNCIL

ANNEX I: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Add to the establishment plan of the secretariat of the Economic and Social Committee one A 4 post (career bracket A5/4)

PAYMENTS

A - Expenditure

Increase the payment appropriation by 39,400 EUA broken down as shown in the attached financial statement.

B - Compensation


C - Revenue

Increase revenue by 33,820 EUA.

COMMITMENTS


REMARKS


Justification

The Economic and Social Committee agrees to include in its establishment plan a post for an official of the former Audit Board.
### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**Post: 1 A 4**

#### EXPENDITURE

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