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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on the amendments to the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the European Parliament for the 1979 financial year (Section I of the draft general budget of the European Communities)

Rapporteur : Mr C. RIPAMONTI

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The Committee on Budgets appointed Mr RIPAMONTI - the rapporteur on the estimates of the European Parliament for the financial year 1979 - rapporteur on the amendments to be made to those estimates.

The draft amendments were drawn up by the rapporteur, having regard to the proposals from the enlarged Bureau forwarded pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure.

The motion for a resolution was considered and unanimously adopted at the meeting of 24 October 1978.

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Aigner, first vice-chairman; Mr Bangemann, second vice-chairman; Mr Cointat, third vice-chairman; Mr Ripamonti, rapporteur; Mr Alber, Mr Albertini (deputizing for Mr Amadei), Lord Bessborough, Lord Bruce of Donington, Mr Caro, Mrs Dahlerup, Mr Dalyell, Mr Dankert, Mr Früh, Mr Fuchs (deputizing for Mr van Aerssen), Mr Granet (deputizing for Mr Rossi), Mr Hansen, Mr Inchauspe, Mr Meintz, Mr H. W. Müller, Mr Nielsen, Mr Notenboom, Mr Schreiber, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Shaw, Mr Spinelli, Mr Würtz and Mr Yeats.

The explanatory statement will be given orally by the rapporteur.

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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the amendments to the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the European Parliament for the 1979 financial year (Section I of the draft general budget of the European Communities)

The European Parliament

- on the basis of Rules 23A, 49 and 50 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 413/78) and the draft amendments relating thereto.
- a. Whereas the increase in the number of its Members from 198 to 410 will involve, notably at the technical and operational level, an expansion of the activities both of the general secretariat and of the political groups' secretariat which will be substantial even in the first half of 1979,
- b. Whereas, furthermore, it is advisable to enable the directly elected Parliament to meet increased requirements as soon as it begins work and since it will also be necessary to vote during the first three months of 1979 a supplementary budget which will be frozen and available for that Parliament to use as it considers appropriate,
- Decides (as specified in the amendments adopted) to modify its establishment plan and its estimates, including those of the political groups, in order to provide, at the technical and operational level, the frozen posts and certain appropriations needed to meet, from the beginning of the financial year, the immediate requirements of a Parliament of 410 Members, and to ensure the necessary continuity of parliamentary activities;
- 2. Decides, further, to introduce an amending or supplementary budget early in the 1979 financial year in order to make the qualitative and structural changes needed from the beginning of the new Parliament's activities, in the light of the detailed studies and findings that will be submitted to it by its competent bodies.

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