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with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the
Rules of Procedure

by Mr AIGNER on behalf of the Christian-Democratic
Group,

Mr LANGE on behalf of the Socialist Group,

Mr BANGEMANN on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic
Group

Mr COINTAT on behalf of the Group of European
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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Implementation of the 1977 budget of the
European Communities

On 16 December 1976 the European Parliament finally adopted the budget of the European Communities. By virtue of its powers of amendment pursuant to Article 203 of the EEC Treaty it entered the following amounts under the articles shown below - all involving items of non-compulsory expenditure for which the Council had entered no or few appropriations - with the intention that the Commission should implement the budget accordingly (Article 205 of the EEC Treaty).

	<u>Amendments</u>	<u>Total</u>
- Art. 254 Campaign on behalf of young people	+ 60,000	190,000
- Item 2653 Studies on the Nuclear Fuel Cycle	+ 60,000	100,000
- Item 2729 Information projects relating to direct elections to the European Parliament	+ 600,000	1,000,000
- Art. 282 European Communities' Institute for Economic Analysis and Research	+ 800,000	1,000,000
- Item 3031 Contribution to pilot projects on better housing for migrant workers	+ 500,000	500,000
- Item 3050 Research and action programme on labour market trends	+ 130,000	400,000
- Art. 316 Community action relating to the vocational training of farmers	+ 60,000	100,000
- Item 3200 Community technological development projects in the hydrocarbons sector	+15,000,000 (12,000,000 thereof frozen)	23,000,000
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- Item 3201 Joint projects in prospecting for hydrocarbons	+ 9,000,000	9,000,000
- Art. 321 Prospecting for uranium deposits	+ 1,000,000	2,000,000
- Item 3380 Expenditure on the project on 'Training'	+ 139,800	201,800
- Item 3621 Activities supplementary to the three-year project	+ 500,000	500,000
- Item 3701 Second Programme - data-processing	+ 2,835,000	2,835,000
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- Item 3710 Basic research - aviation	+ 8,000,000 (under Chapter 100)	8,000,000
- Art. 393 Expenditure on the preservation of the architectural heritage and the development of cultural exchanges	+ 40,000	100,000
- Chapter 59 Aid to disaster victims in the Community	+ 5,000,000	5,000,000
- Art. 930 Financial cooperation with non-associated developing countries	+45,000,000 (30,000,000 thereof under Chapter 100)	45,000,000
- Art. 931 Promotion of trade relations between the Community and non-associated developing countries	+ 1,500,000	5,000,000

Since the implementation of the 1977 budget is one of the factors on which the 1978 budget debate is based, we are obliged to put the following questions to the Commission:

1. During the first six months of 1977 how did the Commission use the amounts voted by the European Parliament?
2. How does the Commission intend to implement the budget before the end of the year in accordance with the European Parliament's decisions?
3. Does the Commission consider that the budget as approved provides the legal basis for the utilization and expenditure of appropriations?
4. If so, why is the Commission still awaiting Council decision before implementing the budget pursuant to Article 205 of the EEC Treaty?
5. Furthermore, can the Commission state whether, in implementing the 1977 budget, it has encountered difficulties with articles and items other than those listed above?
6. Can the Commission also state what progress has been made with the budgetization requested by Parliament of
 - Euratom loans (Art. 329)
 - Community loans (Chapter 42)
 - European Development Fund (Chapters 90 and 91)?

