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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on
Budgets

on Sections II (Council) and IV (Court of
Justice) of the draft general budget of
the European Communities for the financial
year 1978

Rapporteur: Mr M. COINTAT

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The Committee on Budgets appointed Mr COINTAT, rapporteur on Section I (Parliament) of the budget of the European Communities, rapporteur on Sections II (Council) and IV (Court of Justice).

At its meeting of 18 October it unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution below.

The amendments adopted by the Committee on Budgets at the same meeting are attached to this report.

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Aigner, vice-chairman; Mr Cointat, vice-chairman and rapporteur; Lord Bessborough, Lord Bruce of Donington, Mr Dalyell, Mr Früh, Mr Meintz, Mr Notenboom, Mr Ripamonti, Mr Schreiber, Mr Shaw and Mr Yeats.

The explanatory statement will be given orally by the rapporteur.

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Annex: List of amendments

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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on Sections II (Council) and IV (Court of Justice) of the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1978

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc.338/77);
- 1. Approves Section II of the draft budget in respect of the revenue and expenditure of the Council ;
- 2. Considers it appropriate, having regard to the requirements arising from the increased workload of the secretariat of the Economic and Social Committee, to make certain changes to the draft budget of that body; these changes are shown in the amendments attached to this resolution;
- 3. Approves section IV of the draft budget in respect of the revenue and expenditure of the Court of Justice.

Voting on the draft amendments

In its considerations of the draft report, the Committee on Budgets adopted the amendments proposed by the rapporteur as follows :

1. Establishment plan (+ 1 A 4; + 1 B 1; + 1 C 1;
+ 1 C 3; - 2 (C 3))
adopted by 11 votes with on abstention.
2. Establishment plan (+ 5 C 4; - 5 C 5
+ 2 D 1; - 2 D 3)
adopted unanimously.
3. Chapter 22, Article 220 (+ 29,000 EUA)
adopted by 13 votes with one abstention.
4. Chapter 100 (+ 100,000 EUA)
adopted by 13 votes in favour and one against.

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DRAFT
GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1978

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 260.

tabled by Mr M. COINTAT, rapporteur
on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION II - Annex I - Economic and Social Committee

List of posts - add the following to the establishment plan:

1 A 4, 1 B 1, 1 C 1, 1 C 3/2 (C 3)

A) Expenditure

Increase expenditure by 53,500 EUA *

B) Revenue

Adjust revenue accordingly

C) Remarks

Unchanged

JUSTIFICATION

The level of activity of the secretariat of the Economic and Social Committee is on the increase, in particular following the acquisition by the Committee of the right of initiative as a result of the recommendations made some years ago by the Conference of Heads of State or Government.

The establishment plan of the E.S.C. has been expanded over these past few years at a slower pace, so that it does not fully correspond to the needs associated with the increase in activity. These new posts, added to those allowed by the Council when it drew up the draft budget, meet only about half the requests put forward by the E.S.C. with respect to its establishment plan needs for the next financial year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

* BREAKDOWN BY ITEM

EXPENDITURE - Chapter 11, Article 110 - Item 1100	48,600	EUA
- Item 1101	4,200	EUA
- Item 1102	7,200	EUA
- Item 1130	1,400	EUA
- Item 1131	600	EUA
- Item 119	4,500	EUA
Total.....	66,500	EUA
REVENUE - Chapter 40	9,800	EUA
- Chapter 41	3,200	EUA
Total.....	13,000	EUA

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DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 261..

tabled by Mr COINTAT, rapporteur
on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION II - Annex I - Economic and Social Committee

List of posts - amend the establishment plan as follows:

+ 5 C 4; - 5 C 5;
+ 2 D 1; - 2 D 3/2.

A) Expenditure

Unchanged

B) Revenue

Unchanged

C) Remarks

Unchanged

JUSTIFICATION

For several years staff in the lower career bracket of these categories have been denied advancement despite their proficiency at work.

These changes meet only half of the requests put forward by the Economic and Social Committee, as regards conversions both from D 3/2 into D 1 and from C 5 into C 4.

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DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 263..

tabled by Mr COINTAT, rapporteur
on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION II - Annex I - Economic and Social Committee

Title 2 - Buildings, equipment and miscellaneous operating
expenditure

Chapter 22 - Movable property and ancillary expenses

Article 220 - Office machinery

- A) Expenditure
Add an appropriation of 29,000 EUA
- B) Revenue
Increase revenue accordingly
- C) Remarks
Unchanged

JUSTIFICATION

Under Items 2200 'Initial equipment' and 2201 'Renewals' the Council has earmarked an appropriation of 16,000 EUA. The Economic and Social Committee had originally estimated its requirements under these two headings at 30,000 and 60,000 EUA, respectively. It considered these appropriations indispensable in the light of the appreciable increase in its workload and the technical problems raised by the need to produce documents to very short deadlines. It is therefore justifiable to accept at least 50% of the Committee's estimates and to increase the appropriation of 16,000 EUA fixed by the Council to 45,000 EUA.

The additional 29,000 EUA are to be allocated as follows:

9,000 EUA to Item 2200 and
20,000 EUA to Item 2201

This allocation is justified in particular by the fact that the funds under Item 2201 are needed to cover the replacement of very obsolete offset machinery.

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DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 262.

tabled by Mr COINTAT, rapporteur
on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION II - Annex I - Economic and Social Committee

Title 10 - Other expenditure

Chapter 100 - Contingency appropriations

A) Expenditure

Add an appropriation of 100,000 EUA

B) Revenue

Increase revenue accordingly

C) Remarks

Add the following remarks against this entry:

'Appropriation necessary for the operation of the secretariat restaurant. Half of this appropriation (50,000 EUA) is frozen. It will be released by the budgetary authority after examining detailed plans to be submitted by the ESC.'

JUSTIFICATION

Since its preliminary draft budget was drawn up, the Economic and Social Committee has rented new premises, including a large area already used as a restaurant by the institutions that had previously used the building.

It is, moreover, readily understandable that the Committee, the only Community institution still without its own restaurant, should increasingly feel the need for one.

