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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Implementation of the 1976 budget

On 18 December 1975 the European Parliament finally adopted the budget of the European Community. Under the powers conferred by Article 203 of the EEC Treaty, the European Parliament amended the budget in respect of the following items (of non-compulsory expenditure) for which the Council had provided nothing at all or too little, entering the amounts shown with the intention that the European Commission should implement the budget accordingly (Article 205 of the EEC Treaty)

- Art. 145	Building loans	1,000,000
- Art. 254/98	Youth Forum	100,000
- Art. 256	Expenditure on pre-consultation meetings of Trade Unions	100,000
- Item 3220	Community projects for the technological development of hydrocarbons	25,000,000
- Item 3221	Community projects in prospecting for hydrocarbons	(+ 3,000,000)
- Art. 323	Uranium prospecting projects	1,000,000
- Art. 330	Expenditure on research and investment (Plasma project)	+ 35,000,000
- Art. 356	Organization and humanizing of work	1
- Art. 392	Activities in the field of education	600,000
- Art. 402	Aids to bee-keepers (likewise 2,500,000 in 1975)	2,500,000
- Ch. 50	Article 4 of the Social Fund	+ 20,000,000
	Article 5 of the Social Fund	+ 20,000,000
- Art. 900	Financial and technical cooperation with non-associated developing countries	20,000,000
- Art. 938	Support for the activities of private organizations in the field of co-operation with the developing countries	2,500,000

1. What use has the Commission made in the first half of 1976 of the appropriations adopted by the European Parliament?
2. How does the Commission intend to implement the budget in accordance with the European Parliament's decision between now and the end of the year?
3. Does the Commission recognize the authorized budget as a legal basis for the use of appropriations?
4. If so, why is the Commission waiting for Council decisions before proceeding with the implementation of the budget pursuant to Article 205 of the EEC Treaty?