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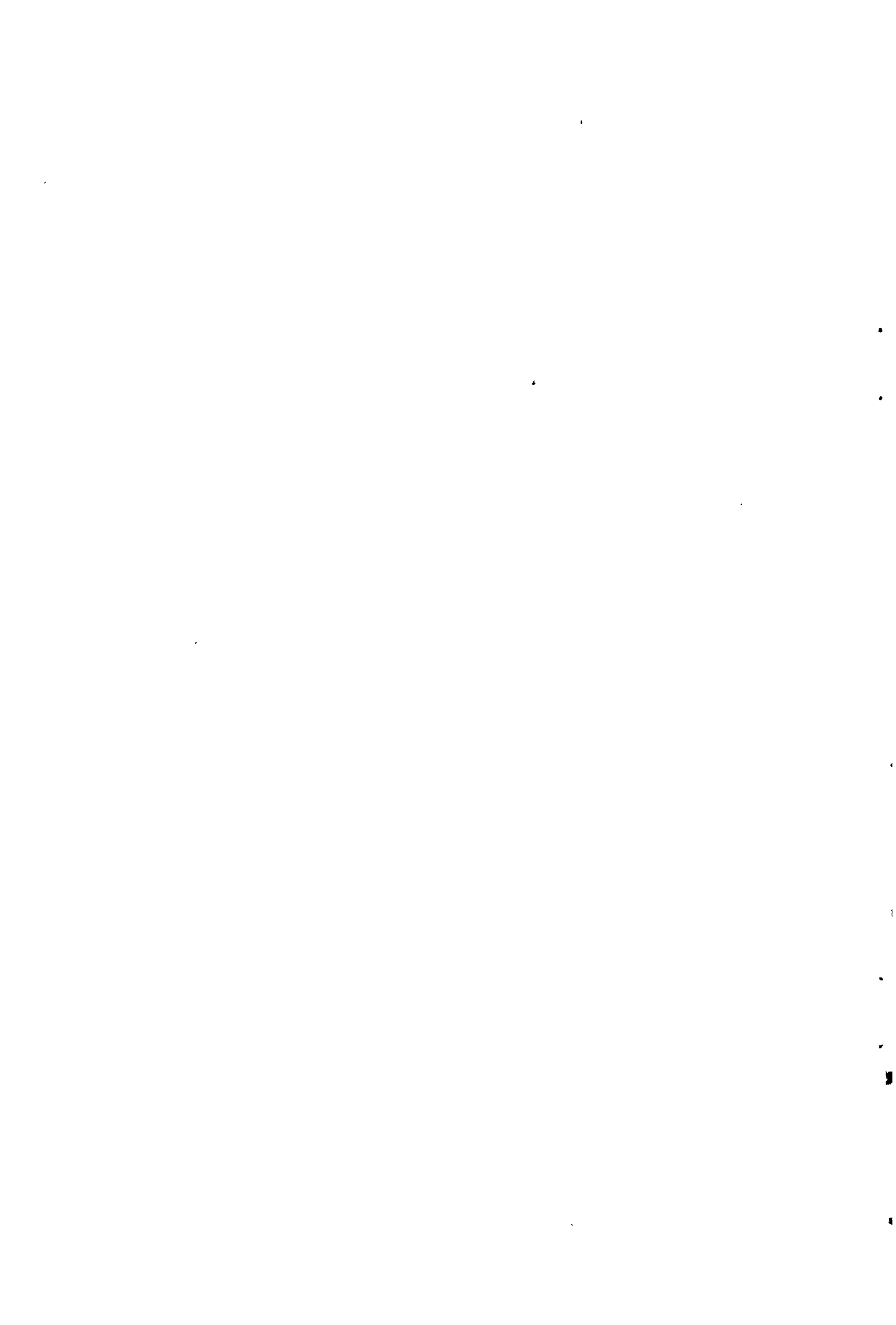
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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on the ~~corrections~~ to the European Parliament's estimates of revenue and expenditure for the 1976 financial year (Section I of the draft general budget of the European Communities)

Rapporteur: Miss C. FLESCH



On 15 July 1975, the Committee on Budgets ratified the appointment of Miss Flesch, rapporteur on the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the European Parliament for 1976, as rapporteur on the corrections that might have to be made to these estimates when the draft general budget - of which the estimates constitute Section I - was considered.

On 5 November, the Committee on Budgets discussed the corrections considered to be advisable or necessary. The outcome of these deliberations is set out in the motion for a resolution.

The Committee on Budgets unanimously approved the motion for a resolution and Miss Flesch was, therefore, authorized to prepare a report and submit it to Parliament.

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Aigner, vice-chairman; Miss Flesch, rapporteur; Mr Artzinger, Lord Bessborough, Mr Cointat, Mr Dalyell, Mr Notenboom, Mr Shaw and Mr Yeats.

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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 the corrections to the European Parliament's estimates of revenue and expenditure for the 1976 financial year (Section I of the draft general budget of the European Communities).

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rules 23A, 49 and 50 of its Rules of Procedure;
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the draft amendments annexed thereto (Doc. 366/75);
1. Has corrected its estimates of revenue and expenditure for 1976 in the manner shown in the **annexed** draft amendments;
 2. Has accordingly finally adopted the estimates of revenue and expenditure for 1976 at 52,041,209 units of account (208,437 u.a. less than the amount adopted on 19 June 1975).

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. At its meeting of 5 November 1975, the Committee on Budgets discussed the corrections to the estimates it had adopted on 19 June 1975. At the same meeting it confirmed the policy of austerity that had led Parliament to reduce by 50% the increases resulting from rising costs in respect of 21 articles or items in its estimates.

Reductions

2. The Committee on Budgets has adopted the proposal by the rapporteur to amend:

- the amounts relating to the appropriations for the Audit Board of the Communities and the ECSC Auditor (reductions of 3,894 u.a. and 3,653 u.a. respectively);
- the appropriations for total staff remunerations.

The latter proposal has been made practicable by the harmonization of methods of calculating staff salary increases in all the institutions. The resulting reduction will be 322,390 u.a.

Opinion on Draft Amendment No. 36 tabled by the EPD Group to create a new Item 4191 'Subsidies towards costs incurred in receiving important visitors from the Member States' (+ 50,000 u.a.)

3. The Committee on Budgets is in favour of the idea of introducing this new item. It has, however, decided to submit a draft amendment in the name of the committee, providing merely for a token entry. It considers that, before an appropriation is entered, both the Secretariat and possibly the political groups should work out an overall concept of the programmes to be implemented.

4. As regards Article 380 'Services of the Office for Official Publications', the Committee on Budgets has decided to uphold the decision it took in June regarding the pro-forma inclusion of an appropriation of 740,643 u.a. It considers that any other decision, under the existing provisions, would have the effect of artificially inflating the budgets of certain institutions.

Decision to increase appropriations

5. Article 270 'Official Journal'

The Committee on Budgets has decided to table an amendment proposing an increase of 21,500 u.a. in the appropriations provided under this heading. Although in the light of Parliament's present commitments, the appropriations for printing of the Official Journal may exceed the funds currently provided in the 1975 budget, the Committee on Budgets, in the interests of economy, thought it advisable to show as the total figure an amount corresponding to probable expenditure for 1975.

6. Item 2710 'General publications'

The Committee on Budgets has decided:

- to recommend that with effect from 1977 this item should be divided into two sections, the first relating to the publication of verbatim reports of debates and the second to other general publications;
- to include an appropriation of 100,000 u.a. in Chapter 98.

This sum will be transferred when necessary to Item 2710 to cover actual requirements.

Establishment plan of the joint Parliamentary/Commission department responsible for American visitors to the Community

7. After lengthy discussion, the Committee on Budgets did not adopt the proposal to supplement this department by creating additional posts. It recommends that the Secretary-General should second a Category B official to this department.

European Parliamentary Research Institute

8. It was decided that any budgetary decision on this question should be taken when Parliament and its organs had reached a final decision on the matter.

Additional requirements

9. The Committee on Budgets decided, in the interests of economy, not to approve a series of proposed increases which were nevertheless justified on the grounds of rising costs. It took the view that the additional appropriations, if they proved necessary, should be provided principally by transfers from other chapters.



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5 NOVEMBER 1975....

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DRAFT
GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1976DRAFT AMENDMENT No. ..80..
tabled by the Committee on Budgets

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

(A) Expenditure

Chapter 11 - Staff

Reduce this appropriation by 2,294,390 u.a.¹

Chapter 98 - Non-allocated provisional appropriations

Increase this appropriation by 1,972,000 u.a.

(B) RevenueOwn resources

Title 4 - Deductions from staff remunerations

Chapter 40 - Proceeds of taxation on the salaries, wages and allowances
of officials and other servants

- Parliament

Reduce these resources by: 35,000 u.a.

Chapter 41 - Staff contributions to the pension scheme

- Parliament

Reduce these resources by: 14,000 u.a.

General revenue

Adjust general revenue accordingly.

JUSTIFICATION

The intention is to adapt the appropriations for expenditure relating to staff to the method applied by the other Institutions.

¹ See overleaf

¹ In Chapter 11, modify the appropriations as follows:

Article 110 - Officials and temporary staff holding a post provided for in the list of posts

Item 1100 - Basic salaries	-	412,500 u.a.
Item 1101 - Family allowances	-	35,720 u.a.
Item 1102 - Expatriation allowances	-	64,850 u.a.
Item 1103 - Temporary fixed allowances	-	<u>5,050 u.a.</u>
<u>ARTICLE 110 - TOTAL</u>	-	518,120 u.a. =====

Article 111 - Other staff

Item 1110 - Auxiliary staff	-	<u>30,700 u.a.</u>
<u>ARTICLE 111 - TOTAL</u>	-	30,700 u.a. =====

Article 113 - Sickness and accident insurance and occupational diseases

Item 1130 - Sickness insurance	+	73,630 u.a.
Item 1131 - Accident insurance and occupational diseases	+	<u>6,020 u.a.</u>
<u>ARTICLE 113 - TOTAL</u>	+	79,830 u.a. =====

Article 116 - Weightings

- 1,825,400 u.a.
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CHAPTER 11 - TOTAL

- 2,294,390 u.a.
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DRAFT
GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1976DRAFT AMENDMENT No. . 78.
tabled by the Committee on Budgets

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

(A) ExpenditureTitle 2 - Buildings, equipment and miscellaneous operating
expenditure

Chapter 27 - Expenditure on publishing and information

Article 270 - Official Journal

Increase this appropriation by 21,500 u.a.

(B) Revenue

Increase revenue accordingly.

JUSTIFICATION

In consideration of the European Parliament's obligations as regards the texts to be published in the Official Journal and of the principle of budgetary austerity, the Committee on Budgets proposes this figure.



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DRAFT
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DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 75 . . .

tabled by Miss FLESCII
on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

(A) ExpenditureTitle 3 - Expenditure resulting from the Institution carrying
out special functionsChapter 37 - Expenditure relating to certain Institutions and
bodies

Article 374 - Share of the expenditure of the Audit Board

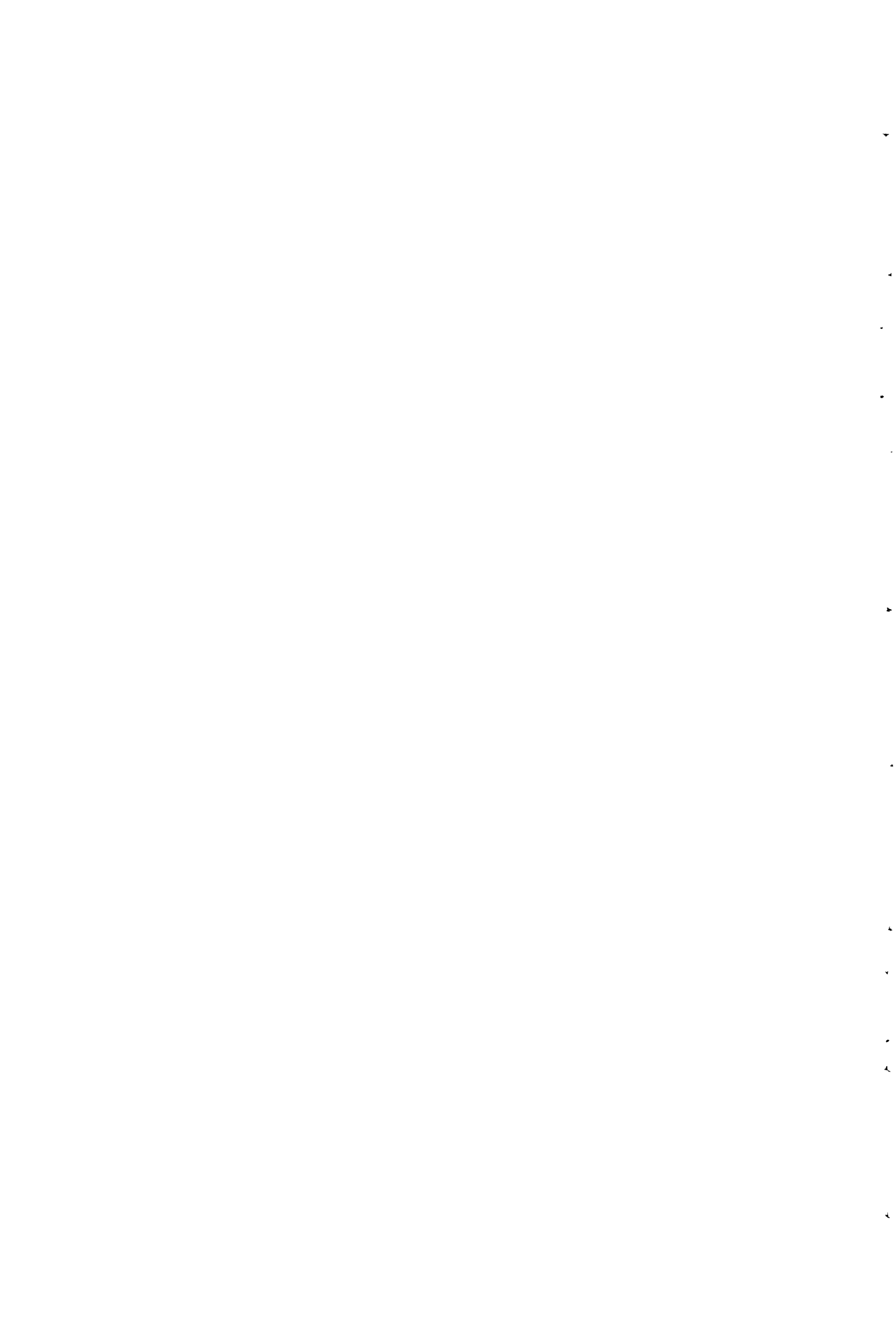
Reduce appropriations by 3,894 u.a.

(B) Revenue

Adjust revenue accordingly.

JUSTIFICATION

Half the funds for the Audit Board were entered in Parliament's estimates and the other half in the Council's estimates. The purpose of this draft amendment is merely, following the establishment of the budget of the European Communities, to bring the funds entered in Parliament's estimates in line with those entered in the Council's estimates.



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DRAFT
GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1976

DRAFT AMENDMENT No 76..

tabled by M. van PELTCH
on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

(A) Expenditure

Title 3 - Expenditure resulting from the Institution carrying out special functions

Chapter 37 - Expenditure relating to certain institutions and bodies

Article 375 - Share of the expenditure of the ECSC Auditor

Reduce appropriations by 3,653 u.a.

(B) RevenueOwn resources

Reduce own resources as follows:

Title 4 - Deductions from staff remuneration

Chapter 40 - Proceeds of taxation on the salaries, wages and allowances of officials and other servants

- ECSC Auditor

Reduce these resources by: 450 u.a.

Chapter 41 - Staff contributions to the pension scheme

- ECSC Auditor

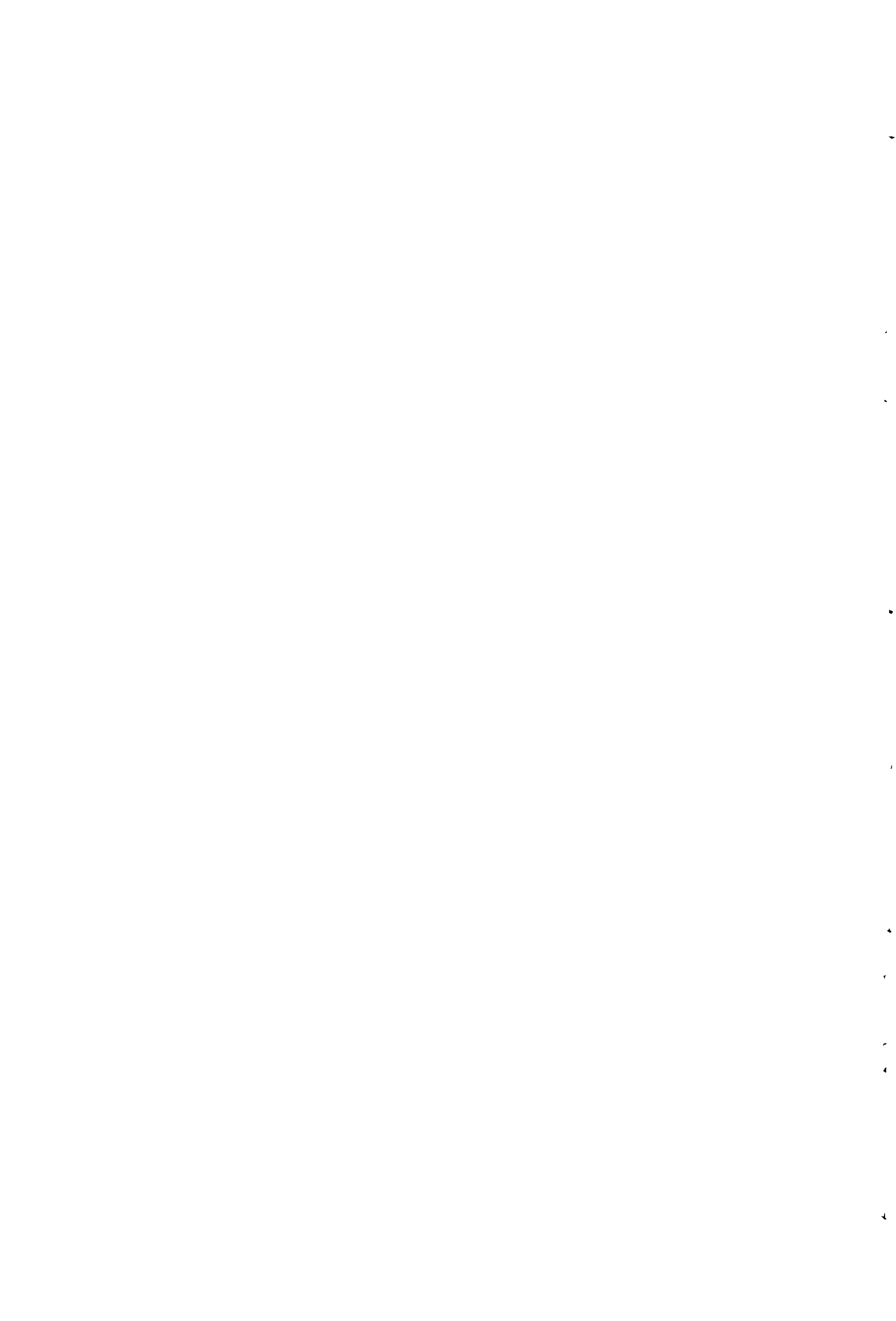
Reduce these resources by: 100 u.a.

General revenue

Adjust general revenue accordingly.

JUSTIFICATION

Half the funds for the ECSC Auditor were entered in Parliament's estimates and the other half in the Council's estimates. The purpose of this draft amendment is merely, following the establishment of the budget of the Communities, to bring the funds entered in Parliament's estimates in line with those entered in the Council's estimates.



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DRAFT
GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1976DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 77...
tabled by the Committee on Budgets

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

(A) Expenditure

Title 4 - Aids, subsidies and financial contributions

Chapter 41 - Subsidies and financial contributions

Article 419 - Other subsidies and financial contributions towards
inspection costs

Insert two new items under Article 419:

Item 4190 - Subsidies and financial contributions to the cost
of receiving groups of visitorsEnter the appropriation of 420,000 u.a. already entered against
Article 419.Item 4191 - Subsidies towards costs incurred in receiving important
visitors from the Member States

Make a token entry.

(B) Revenue

Revenue unchanged.

JUSTIFICATION

The Committee on Budgets recognizes the necessity of creating Item 4191. Until such time as Parliament defines general guidelines for the allocation of these subsidies, only a token entry will be made against this item.



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5 NOVEMBER 1975.....

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GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1976

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 79...

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

(A) Expenditure

Title 9 - ... other expenditure
Chapter 98 - Non-allocated provisional appropriations
Article 980 - Non-allocated provisional appropriations

Increase appropriations by 100,000 u.a.

(B) Revenue

Increase revenue accordingly.

JUSTIFICATION

This amount is intended for Item 2710 'General Publications'.

Although the Committee on Budgets recognized that the arguments put forward (see Secretary-General's memorandum - PE 42.311) could in certain cases lead to increased expenditure being charged against the abovementioned item, it felt that these appropriations should nevertheless be entered in Chapter 98 so that their exact utilization could still be discussed if necessary.

