Report
drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on Sections II and IV of the draft general budget of the European Communities
for the financial year 1976, relating to the Council and Court of Justice

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On 15 July 1975 the Committee on Budgets appointed Miss Flesch rapporteur on Sections II and IV (Council and Court of Justice) of the draft general budget of the Communities for the financial year 1976.

A debate was held on these two parts of the draft general budget on 5 November 1975.

The Committee on Budgets unanimously approved the considerations set out in the motion for a resolution.

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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on Sections II and IV of the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976, relating to the Council and Court of Justice of the Communities.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 367/75),

1. Approves Section II relating to the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the Council of the Communities;

2. In view of requirements arising from the increased work load of the secretariat of the Economic and Social Committee, considers it advisable to convert:

- 2 LA 4 posts to 2 LA 3 posts;
- 2 A5/4 posts to 2 A3 posts, and
- 1 C 2 post to B 5/4 (technical)

in Annex I - Economic and Social Committee - to Section II - Council.

3. Approves the estimates of revenue and expenditure in Section IV - Court of Justice of the European Communities.
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1. Tabled by the Committee on Budgets

SECTION III - COMMISSION

Establishment plan

Modify the establishment plan by the following conversions of posts:

- Category A: + 2 A3, - 1 A4, - 1 A5
- Category I A: + 2 A3, - 2 A4
- Category B t: + 1 Bt4
- Category C: - 1 C2

JUSTIFICATION

The Bureau of the Economic and Social Committee had requested the conversion of certain posts in order to adapt the structure of its secretariat to the Committee's actual needs. This request was refused by the Council. It is obvious that the Committee's work is increasing constantly in view of the growing number of obligatory and optional consultations. If the Committee's output capacity and functioning are to be maintained, the organization of the Committee's secretariat must be adapted to the requirements imposed by this gradual change. The staff of the secretariat being very small, the situation could be improved by converting certain posts, namely:
- two principal administrator posts into head of division posts
- two head of translation section posts into head of division posts
- one clerical officer post into a technical assistant post.

Since the Committee has agreed to effect these conversions only towards the end of the 1976 financial year, there is no need to modify the appropriations under the budget items affected by these conversions.