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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (doc. 496/75) for a regulation on the repayment or remission of import duties or export duties

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OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from the Chairman of the committee to Mr KASPEREIT,
Chairman of the Committee on External Economic Affairs

Brussels, 30 April 1976

Dear Mr Chairman,

At its meeting of 17/18 March 1976 the Committee on Budgets considered the Commission proposal for a Council regulation on the repayment or remission of import duties or export duties (Doc. 496/75).

The committee feels that any adjustments by Member States to entitlements of the Communities' own resources, pursuant to Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC/Euratom/ECSC) No. 2/71 of 2 January 1971 implementing the Decision of 21 April 1970 on the replacement of financial contributions from Member States by the Community's own resources, through the repayment or remission of duties ought to be made in a uniform manner. It therefore welcomes the above proposal.

This Community regulation lays down more precisely the conditions under which the Community's own resources, within the meaning of Article 2, may be established, thus permitting a more effective control of own resources.

However, the Committee on Budgets would point out to the committee responsible that pursuant to Article 14 in conjunction with Article 23(2) of the proposed regulation, the Committee on Duty Free Arrangements set up by Council Regulation No. 1798/75 of 10 July 1975 should be authorized to repay or remit import duties in situations resulting from special circumstances which warrant equitable treatment. This possibility of revising own resources on the basis of a management committee's concern for equitable treatment must, however, cause some misgivings.

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Maigaard, vice-chairman, Mr Artzinger, Mr Bangemann, Lord Bruce, Mr Brugger, Mr Dalyell, Mr Fletcher, Mr Lagorce, Mr Notenboom, Mr Radoux and Mr Shaw.

Even so, given that the provisions of the Community harmonizing regulation are no less strict than the differing national provisions, the regulation can be expected to have only a minimal effect on budget revenues.

The establishment of own resources by a management committee can therefore be admitted.

Please accept this letter as a favourable opinion, subject to this one reservation.

Yours sincerely,

Erwin LANGE