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### Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on the proposal for a ~~transfer~~ of funds from one chapter to another within  
Section III – Commission – of the budget of the European Communities for the  
financial year 1973 (Doc. 138/73)

Rapporteur : Mr Alain TERRENOIRE

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By letter of 13 July 1973 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 21 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the Communities, to deliver an opinion on a proposal to transfer appropriations from one chapter to another within Section III 'Commission' of the budget for the financial year 1973.

On 9 August 1973 the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Budgets as the committee responsible.

On 13 July 1973 the Committee on Budgets appointed Mr TERRENOIRE to replace Mr OFFROY as rapporteur on the general budget of the Communities for 1973.

The Commission agreed to the submission to the President of a request that the motion for a resolution be put to the vote without debate.

At its meeting of 27 September 1973 the Committee on Budgets unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution.

The following were present: Mr AIGNER, deputy chairman, acting chairman; Mr ROSSI, deputy chairman; Mr TERRENOIRE, rapporteur; Mr ARTZINGER, Mr DURAND, Mr GERLACH, Mr KOLLWELTER, Mr LAUDRIN, Mr MÜLLER, Mr NOLAN, Mr NOTENBOOM, Mr PETRE, Mr POUNDER, Sir Brandon RHYS WILLIAMS and Mr THOMSEN (deputizing for Lord BESSBOROUGH).

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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 a proposal to transfer appropriations from one chapter to another within Section III 'Commission' of the budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1973.

The European Parliament,

- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 21 of the Financial Regulations applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (Doc. 138/73),
  - having regard to Draft Supplementary and Rectifying Budget No. 2 for the financial year 1973 (Doc. 143/73),
  - having regard to the report of its Committee on Budgets (Doc. 177/73),
  - having regard to the information supplied by the Commission to the Committee on Budgets on 27 September 1973,
1. Approves the proposal to transfer appropriations to the value of 1,499,000 u.a. from Chapter 98 'Provisional appropriations not allocated' to Chapter 26 'Expenditure on research, surveys and consultations' of Section III of the budget of the European Communities;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Commission and Council of the Communities.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT(a) Procedure

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 21 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the Communities, Parliament must in future be consulted on proposals by the Commission of the Communities to transfer appropriations from Chapter 98 'Provisional appropriations not allocated' to other chapters.

2. On 5 July last, Mr SPENALE, following the discussion in the Committee on Budgets on 29 June 1973, suggested in a letter to the President of Parliament that a procedure should be adopted for consultation on such transfers.

According to this procedure, if proposals for transfers are of minor importance or if they are not the subject of any especial objections on the part of the Committee on Budgets, this committee may submit its opinion directly to the Council. On the other hand, if the committee cannot give its approval or if the proposals are of especial importance it will submit a report to Parliament.

3. On 18 September 1973, Parliament was informed by its President of the adoption of this procedure, and took note of the fact. In future, the President will notify the Council of cases where the Committee on Budgets does not submit a report to Parliament.

(b) Content

4. The Commission asked for a transfer of 2,299,000 u.a. (from Chapter 98 'Provisional appropriations not allocated' to Chapter 26 'Expenditure on research, surveys and consultations'), which had been appropriated in the 1973 budget to cover the implementation of a programme of general consultations, studies and surveys in the sphere of research and development.

The Committee on budgets agreed to a sum of 1,499,000 u.a. after learning that the difference now figures in the draft Supplementary budget No. 2 of the Communities for 1973.

The Committee on Budgets also notes with regret that the Council apparently intends, after Parliament has delivered its opinion, to agree to the transfer of a smaller sum than that asked for. This would be regrettable, since a study programme which was to have been financed, as envisaged in the request for a transfer, would have to be sacrificed.

5. The Committee on Budgets appreciates the analysis of costs made by the Commission which appears in an annex to its proposal for a transfer.

6. The committee has agreed to this proposal for a transfer seeing that the transfer is to finance research projects which have now been defined.

