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on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 4/72–VI) for a decision setting up a Committee on Excise Duties

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By letter of 22 March 1972 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion on the proposals for Council directives in the field of special excise dutes and equivalent taxes: Part VI, Proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for setting up a Committee on Excise Duties.

On 29 March 1972 the President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on Budgets as the committee responsible and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its opinion.

The Committee on Budgets appointed Mr Rossi rapporteur on 16 May 1972.

At its meeting of 18 February 1974 the committee adopted this report by 10 votes with 3 abstentions.

The following were present: Mr Spénale, chairman; Mr Aigner, vice-chairman; Mr Rossi, vice-chairman and rapporteur; Mr Artzinger, Mr Berthoin (deputizing for Mr Houdet), Mr Boano, Mr Fabbrini, Mr Laudrin, Mr Leenhardt, Mr Maigaard, Mr Notenboom, Lord St. Oswald (deputizing for Mr Pounder) and Mr Wieldraaijer.

The opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs will be distributed separately.

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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

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision setting up a Committee on Excise Duties

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹,
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 4/72 VI),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 379/73),
- having regard to the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs,
- 1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
- 2. Asks to be kept regularly informed of the work of that committee;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

¹OJ NO. C 43, 29.4.72, p. 23.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The sub-Committee on 'tax harmonization' took note of this proposal for a decision.

It considered that the creation of the Committee on Excise Duties could be approved.

However, it asked the Commission of the European Communities to keep Parliament informed of the committee's work, which should lead in particular to the implementation of certain provisions in proposals for directives. .