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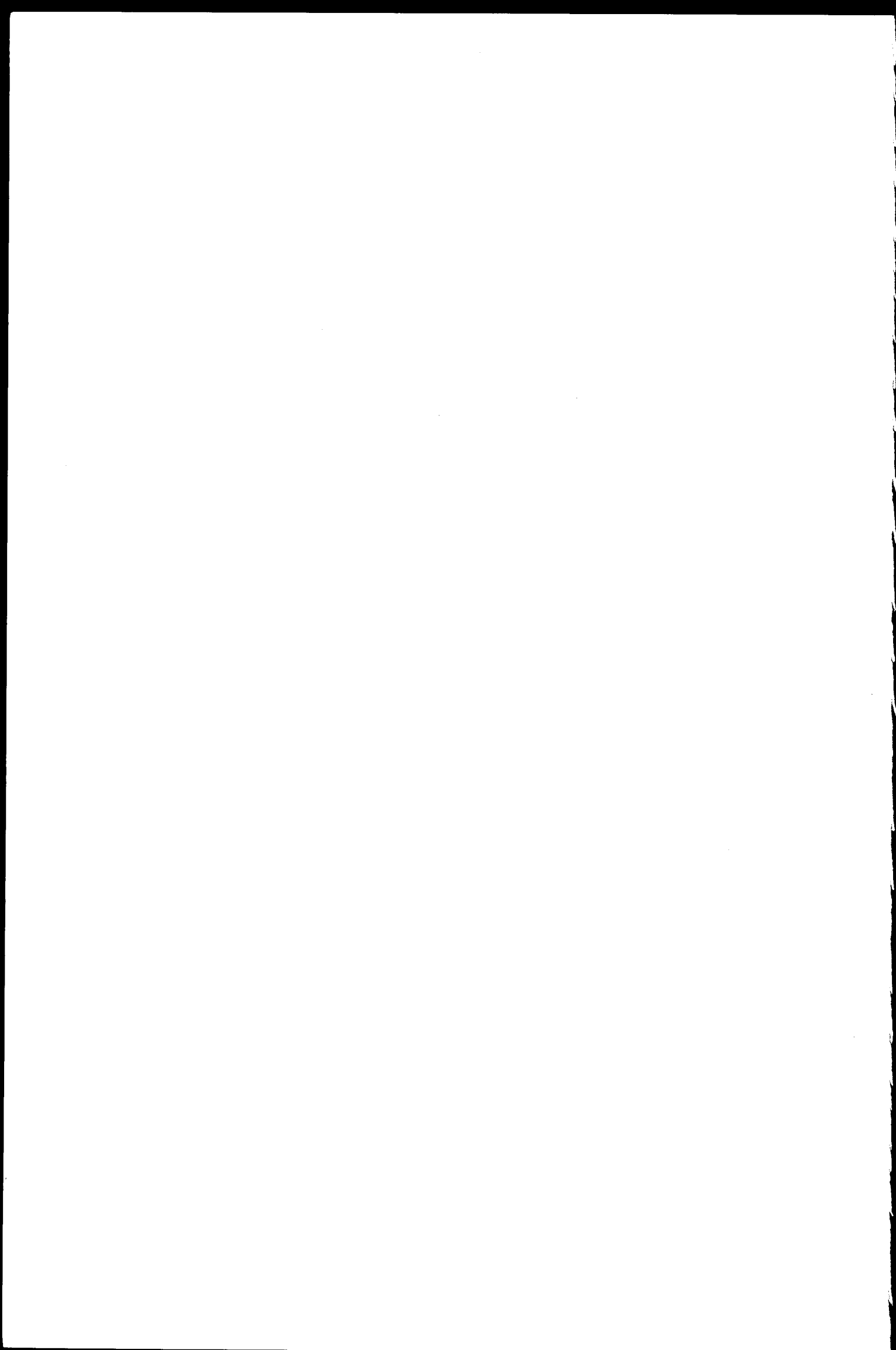
Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on the Council decision of 13 May 1974 not to draw up a Draft Supplementary
Budget No 1 of the European Communities for 1974

Rapporteur: Mr Rafton POUNDER

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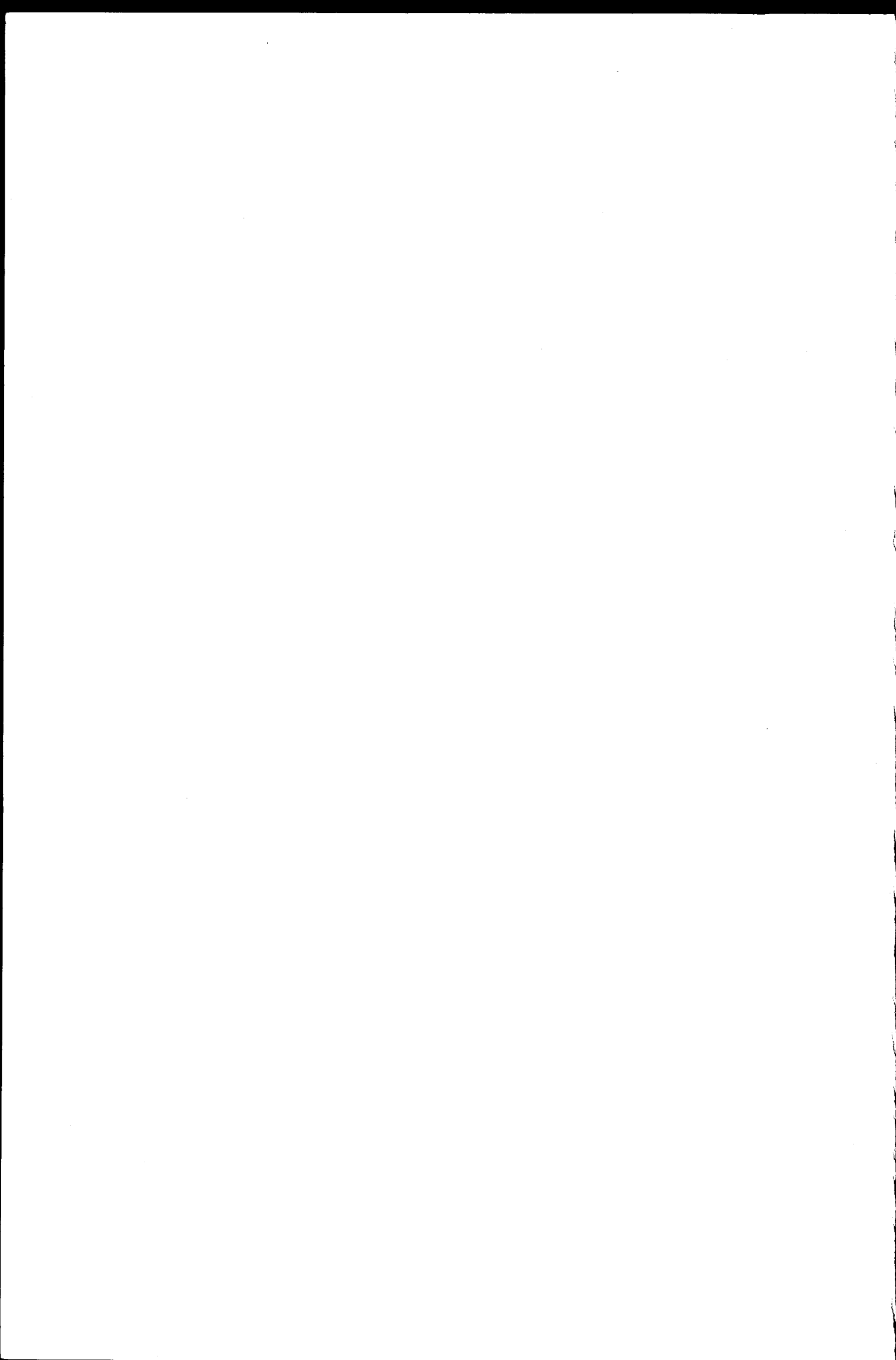
Pursuant to the deliberations of the Council of the European Communities of 7 May 1974 and its decision of 13 May 1974, the Committee on Budgets decided to submit to Parliament a report on the Council decision and not to draw up a Draft Supplementary Budget No. 1 of the European Communities for 1974.

Mr POUNDER's appointment as rapporteur was confirmed on 31 May 1974.

The Committee on Budgets considered the report at its meetings of 6 June and 19 June and unanimously adopted it at the latter meeting.

The following were present: Mr Spénale, chairman; Mr Aigner and Mr Durand, vice-chairmen; Mr Pounder, rapporteur; Mr Artzinger, Lord Bessborough, Mr Boano, Mr Concas, Mr Gerlach and Mr Notenboom.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally in plenary session.



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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the Council decision of 13 May 1974 not to draw up a Draft Supplementary Budget No. 1 of the European Communities for 1974.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary Draft Supplementary Budget No. 1 proposed by the Commission on 31 January 1974;
 - having regard to the decision of the Council of 13 May 1974 not to draw up a Draft Supplementary Budget No. 1 of the European Communities for 1974;
 - recalling the position taken on 29 April 1974 by the Committee on Budgets favouring the drawing up of the draft supplementary Budget;
 - aware
 - (a) on the one hand that the extra staff asked for by the Commission correspond to the need to increase immediately the responsibilities for control of Community funds;
 - (b) on the other hand that the proposal from the Commission for a supplementary budget was the direct consequence of the Council's decision not to accept the proposed amendment of Parliament to the Budget which envisaged the necessary appropriations for staff.
1. Is surprised that the Council, while rightly affirming the need for strict control, defers once again a decision through the budgetary process by invoking the principle of avoiding as far as possible supplementary budgets during the course of a year.
 2. Notes, moreover, that the Council, in deciding not to draw up this Draft Supplementary Budget No. 1 for the year 1974, has authorized the Commission to take all necessary steps to have available from 1 January 1975 the 20 supplementary staff attached to its control services and that it envisages that these posts should be regularized subsequently in the Budget.

3. Cannot accept that the Council by its decision should devalue the provisions of the Treaty, the financial regulation and the staff regulations which ordain parliamentary participation through the budgetary procedure - and the exercise of its powers - in the decisions concerning the staff structure of the institutions of the Community.
4. Points out to the Council that in order not to multiply supplementary budgets, Parliament, for its part, could only accept possible draft supplementary budgets presented during the course of 1974 if they include the requests contained in the preliminary Draft Supplementary Budget No. 1 and asks therefore that these requests should be incorporated in one single draft supplementary budget.
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.