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to the report
drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets
on the fixing of the ECSC levy rate and on the
drawing up of the ECSC operating budget for 1983
(Doc. 1-865/82)

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- Opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary
Affairs and the Committee on Social Affairs and
Employment

Letter from the chairman of the committee to Mr LANGE, chairman of the Committee on Budgets

Dear Mr Lange,

At its meeting of 1 December, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs considered the aide-mémoire from the Commission on the fixing of the ECSC levy rate and on the drawing up of the ECSC operating budget for 1983 (Doc. 1-865/82).

It noted that the ECSC had inadequate resources to fulfil its functions properly. In this context it is worthwhile recalling that Parliament has already urged on numerous occasions that customs revenue should be included in ECSC resources.

The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs expressed its agreement with the Commission proposal to maintain the ECSC levy rate at 0.31% for the 1983 financial year.

This opinion was adopted unanimously.¹

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Jacques MORLAU

¹ Present: Mr Moreau, chairman, Mr Schinzel, Mr von Bismarck, Mr Bonaccini, Mrs Desouches, Mr Giavazzi, Mr Herman, Mr Leonardi, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr Rogalla (deputizing for Mr Wagner) and Mr Welsh.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT

Letter from the chairman, Mr Papaefstratiou, to Mr LANGE, chairman of the Committee on Budgets of 1.12.82

Subject: ECSC Levy rate for 1983

Dear Mr Lange,

At its meeting of 30.11.1982 in Brussels, the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment considered the draft ECSC budget submitted by the Commission of the European Communities for the 1983 financial year and studied the explanatory memorandum, particularly the proposal that the levy rate should be maintained unchanged at 0.31%.

Given that on the one hand it would be virtually impossible to increase this levy rate in the light of the crisis which this sector is undergoing and that on the other hand it would be equally impossible to recommend any decrease since in a period of crisis expenditure in the social sphere is more vital than ever, the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment unanimously expressed its agreement with the levy rate proposed by the Commission.

It therefore appeals urgently to the European Parliament to adopt the same stance as the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

E. PAPAEFSTRATIOU

