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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on Section I (European Parliament) of the draft
general budget of the European Communities for 1978

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Mr Michael COINTAT was appointed rapporteur for Parliament's preliminary estimates on 16 March 1977.

At its sitting of 26 October 1977 Parliament adopted amendments to Section I (European Parliament) of the draft general budget, stating in para. 5 of its resolution that it reserved the right to table further amendments on second reading.

This report and the attached amendments were considered and adopted unanimously by the Committee on Budgets at its meeting of 6 December.
Present : Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Cointat, vice-chairman and rapporteur; Lord Bruce of Donington, Mr Fuchs (deputizing for Mr H. W. Müller), Mr Meintz, Mr Notenboom, Mr Ripamonti, Mr Santer (deputizing for Mr L^oEstrange), Mr Schreiber, Mr Shaw, Mr Spinelli and Mr Yeats.

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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 the amendments to the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the European Parliament for 1978 announced at the first reading of the draft budget of the European Communities, and on the Council's deliberations on the amendments made to Section I of the draft budget

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and its opinion on the draft amendments annexed thereto (Doc. 444/77);
 - recalling that, by the resolution passed on 26 October and forwarded to the Institutions, it had reserved the right, before completion of the budgetary procedure, both to release the 19 linguists' posts created for 1978 on adoption of its estimates, and possibly to create others to meet the growing translation requirements, particularly of the political groups;
 - deeming inadequate the decisions taken by the Council on increasing the mission expenses payable to staff;
1. Releases the 19 translators' posts (7 LA 5/4, 12 LA 6/5) created on adoption of its estimates on 16 June 1977;
 2. Strengthens its Secretariat's translation service while maintaining its structural and geographical integrity, to enable it to meet the growing demand for translation, particularly from the political groups, by creating the following posts : 6 LA 4, 6 LA 5, 1 C 1, 6 C 3/2 (secretarial posts in C 2), 3 C 3/2 (clerical posts in C 2), 1 D 3/2 (in D 2);
 3. Confirms, in respect of its staff, the decisions on raising mission expenses which it adopted on 26 October 1977;
 4. Considers that the Staff Regulations should be revised so that the weighting applicable to salaries that is fixed each year can be applied likewise to mission expenses;
 5. Amends its establishment plan and estimates of revenue and expenditure as detailed in the draft amendments adopted;
 6. Requests therefore its President to declare that Section I of the budget relating to Parliament has been finally adopted.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. Following the Council's deliberations and the decisions taken by Parliament on 26 October 1977 with regard to the continued freezing of the 19 translators' posts and the announcement to the Council of a possible increase in the establishment plan of the linguistic service (in June and October 1977 respectively) the Committee on Budgets has taken the following decisions:

- (a) the translators' posts created on adoption of Parliament's estimates (in June 1977) to be released;

The release of these posts can be approved in view of the growing requirements for translation and the consequent need to take up at the start of the year the posts created for 1978.

- (b) new translators' posts to be created to meet the requirements of the political groups;

The Committee on Budgets proposes that the following posts should be created : 6 LA 4, 6 LA 5, 1 C 1, 6 C 3/2 (secretarial posts in C 2), 3 C 3/2 (clerical posts in C 2), 1 D 3/2 (in D 2). These posts will of course form part of the Directorate for Translation, whose structural and geographical integrity must be maintained. The growing demand for translations comes especially from the political groups.

- (c) two amendments concerning mission expenses;

On this last point, the Committee on Budgets had put forward two series of amendments which were adopted by Parliament on 26 October 1977. These amendments, which were common to all the Institutions, concerned :

- an increase in mission expenses in line with the percentage indicated in the amendments, and
- the annual application to mission expenses of a weighting system.

The Council has:

- accepted in part, i.e. up to 10%, the increase in mission expenses;
- rejected the amendment calling for the application of a weighting system to mission expenses.

2. The Committee on Budgets, having observed that this decision is still inadequate even in relation to proposals on the subject made by the Commission, has decided to maintain, where Parliament staff is concerned, the amendment on raising mission expenses which provides for alterations to daily allowances in accordance with a proposal made by the Bureau of Parliament to the Commission on 27 May 1977.

3. The Committee on Budgets has also felt bound to insist on the need for the weighting applied to salaries to be likewise applied to mission expenses. It is a mechanism which, although not automatic, makes it possible once a year to examine what changes may be necessitated particularly by increases in the cost of living.

The Committee on Budgets recognizes, however, that there is at present no legal basis for taking definitively such a decision, seeing that the Staff Regulations do not provide for application of the weighting to mission expenses. This being the case, it requests the Commission to take the necessary steps for proposing a modification to those Regulations.

AMENDMENT TO
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COUNCIL MODIFICATIONS
TO PARLIAMENT'S AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT BUDGET
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1978 (Doc. 420/77)

AMENDMENT No. 69

tabled by Mr COINTAT, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

Council Modification No. 329

SECTION I - EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

(A) EXPENDITURE

Title 1 - Expenditure relating to persons working with the Institution

Chapter 13 - Expenditure relating to missions and duty travel

Article 130 - Mission expenses, duty travel expenses and other ancillary expenditure

Item 1301 - Staff

- increase appropriation under this item by 612,000 EUA¹

(B) REVENUE

- increase revenue accordingly

(C) REMARKS

- unchanged

JUSTIFICATION

Amendment 329 voted by Parliament on 26 October 1977 was tabled by all the political groups. The Council modified this amendment, pointing out that on 21 November 1977 it had accepted the 10% increase proposed by the Commission for missions to Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg, with retroactive effect to 1 October. The Committee on Budgets finds this Council decision unsatisfactory and therefore resubmits the proposal made by the Bureau of Parliament to the Commission for the Council on 27 May 1977 to adjust the daily allowance for staff as follows, compared with the last Council decision on the subject:

<u>Strasbourg</u> Categories C and D	+ 30%
B and A (up to A4)	+ 20%
(A1 - A3, allowances and hotel costs) ..	+ 30%
<u>Brussels & Luxembourg</u> Categories C and D	+ 40%
B and A (up to A4)	+ 30%
(A1 - A3, allowances and hotel costs) ..	+ 28%

¹ The proposed increase amounts to 30% compared with the 1977 appropriations since Parliament did not provide for any increase in this item when it adopted its estimates for 1978.

It should also be pointed out that mission expenses were adjusted on 21.12.1976 but not sufficiently to take account of the real increase in the cost of living at that date; it should also be stressed that the percentage increases proposed above, no matter how high they may seem, will do no more than make up for lost ground.

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GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1978

Application of the resolution of 26 October 1977 on Section I of the budget

AMENDMENT No. 70...

tabled by Mr COINTAT, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

List of posts

- Add the following new posts to the list of posts:
6 LA 4 posts*, 6 LA 5 posts, 1 C 1 post, 6 C 3/2 secretary posts
in C 2, 3 C 3/2 clerk posts in C 2, 1 D 3/2 post in D 2

(A) Expenditure

Increase expenditure by 593,500 EUA

(B) RevenueIncrease revenue accordingly by 474,800 EUA¹(C) Remarks

Additional staff in Luxembourg for the Translation Service in the Directorate-General for Sessional and General Services.

JUSTIFICATION

The Committee on Budgets has recognized that the Translation Service is particularly overloaded and that the posts created on 16 June 1977 when the estimates were adopted are not enough to cover this increase in workload, particularly in view of the translations required by the political groups. The committee also takes the view that an additional and excessive workload may result from the translation activities connected with preparations for elections to Parliament by direct universal suffrage. In these circumstances it considers it necessary to create these additional category LA posts, as well as the associated clerical posts.

The creation of these posts will plainly not in any way undermine the structural and geographic coherence of the Translation Directorate Secretariat.

* The LA 4 and LA 5 posts are reviser posts

¹ + 118,700 accruing from taxes on salaries.

	<u>1100</u>	<u>1101</u>	<u>1102</u>	<u>1103</u>	<u>1130</u>	<u>1131</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Weigh-</u> <u>ting</u>	<u>Revenue</u> <u>Chap.40</u>	<u>Chap.41</u>
<u>Translators</u>										
6 LA 4	178,400	15,000	26,400		5,400	1,800	227,000	15,900	47,000	12,000
6 LA 5	150,300	12,600	22,200		4,500	1,500	191,100	13,400	35,800	10,100
6 C 3/2 secretaries	56,800	4,800	8,400	3,000	1,700	500	75,200	5,100	3,400	3,800
1 C 1 secretary	12,100	1,000	1,800	500	400	100	15,900	1,100	1,200	800
<u>Reproduction</u> <u>distribution</u>										
2 C 3/2 clerks	19,000	1,600	2,800		500	200	24,100	1,700	1,200	1,300
1 D 3/2	7,300	600	1,100		200	100	9,300	700	300	500
<u>Mail/telex</u>										
1 C 3/2 clerk	9,500	800	1,400		300	100	12,100	900	600	700
	433,400	36,400	64,100	3,500	13,000	4,300	554,700	38,800	89,500	29,200 <u>EUA</u>

for 9 months - amounts rounded off to the nearest hundred EUA

Expenditure: 554,700 EUA + 38,800 EUA = 593,500 EUA

Revenue: 89,500 EUA + 29,200 EUA = 118,700 EUA

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GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1978

Application of the resolution of 26 October 1977 on Section I of the budget
AMENDMENT No. 71...

tabled by Mr COINTAT, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

(A) Expenditure

- Title 2 - Buildings, equipment and miscellaneous administrative expenditure
- Chapter 22 - Movable property and associated expenditure
- Article 220 - Office machinery
Increase this appropriation by 6,250 EUA
- Article 222 - Technical equipment and installations
Increase this appropriation by 6,250 EUA

(B) Revenue

Increase revenue accordingly.

(C) Remarks

Typewriters and reproduction equipment needed as a result of the additional staff for the translation and reproduction-distribution services.

JUSTIFICATION

This material is needed following the creation of the 12 translator posts and a number of clerical posts.

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