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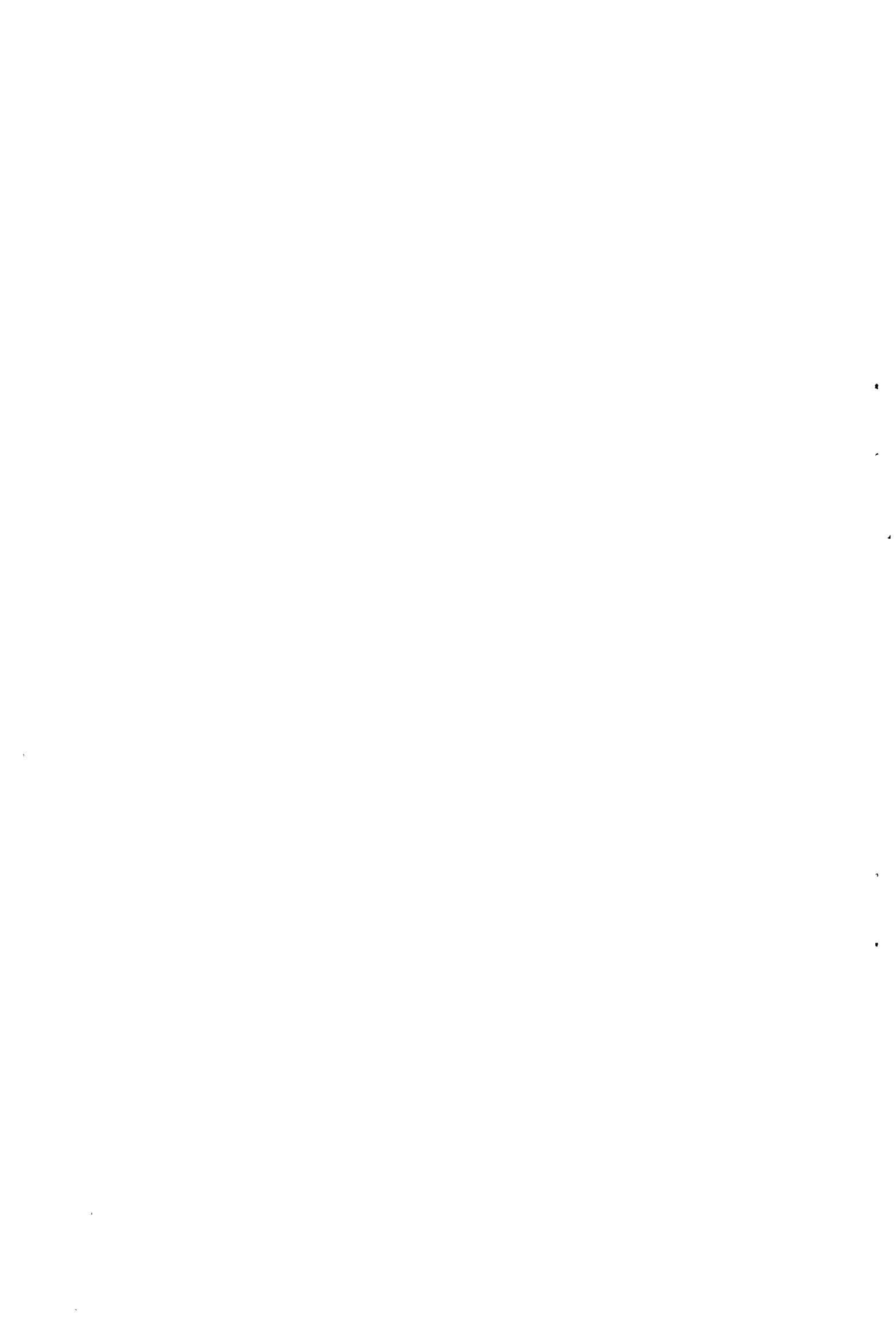
REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on/draft amending budget No. 3 of the
European Communities for the financial year
1976

(Doc. 477/76)

Rapporteur: Mr M. COINTAT



On 24 November 1976 the Commission of the European Communities forwarded to Parliament preliminary draft amending budget no.3 for the financial year 1976.

Draft amending budget no.3 was drawn up by the Council on 9 December and forwarded to Parliament the same day.

At its meeting of 2 December - on the basis of the preliminary draft budget - the Committee on Budgets considered the report by Mr Cointat, rapporteur for the general budget for 1976, and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution.

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Cointat, rapporteur; Mr Albertini, Mr Artzinger, Lord Bruce of Donnington, Mr Früh, Mr Haase, Mrs Kellett-Bowman (deputizing for Lord Bessborough), Mr Notenboom, Mr Patijn, Mr Radoux, Mr Shaw, Mr Suck 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 draft amending budget no. 3 of the European Communities for the financial year 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary draft amending budget
- having regard to the draft amending budget drawn up by the Council (477/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (478/76),
- whereas this amending budget results from the Council's adoption of a regulation amending the conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities,
- whereas it has already delivered a favourable opinion on this regulation,

Approves amending budget no. 3 for the financial year 1976 and instructs its President therefore to declare that amending budget no. 3 has been finally adopted.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. This draft amending budget does not involve any supplementary appropriations but only a change in the size of the establishment plan.
2. The aim is to create 800 posts in category C and 96 posts in category D following amendments to the staff regulations of Euratom staff. The relevant regulation, on which Parliament delivered a favourable opinion, has just been adopted by the Council. Thus the changes that have now become necessary could not have been foreseen any earlier.
3. As the Commission points out in its introduction to the preliminary draft budget, the principal consequences of the new staff regulations of Euratom officials are as follows:

'This regulation, which came into force on 30 October 1976, is based on the principle that there is a need to ensure adequate mobility of personnel and to eliminate any discrimination among staff paid from appropriations in the research and investment budget. In particular, it involves the following consequences:

- since future staff in all categories will have to be recruited under the new contractual scheme, the number of officials paid from appropriations in the research and investment budget will gradually decrease as existing officials leave (retirements, resignations, etc.);
- the abolition of the establishment staff system:
establishment staff in service will be given contracts of employment (similar to those for temporary staff) carrying basic salaries fixed at 95% of those of officials in categories C or D;
- the same applies to local staff.'

4. The Committee on Budgets,

- faced with the legal obligation arising from the adoption by the Council of the regulation concerning the staff regulations of these officials,
- faced with the necessity of implementing the results of this regulation at the budgetary level,
- bearing in mind the favourable opinion delivered by the Parliament on this subject,

recommends the adoption of this draft budget.