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drawn up on behalf of the
Committee on Budgets

on Annex I (Economic and Social Committee)
to Section II (Council) of the/draft general
budget of the European Communities for the
financial year 1978

Rapporteur : Mr M. COINTAT

On 16 March 1977 the Committee on Budgets appointed Mr M. COINTAT rapporteur on Section II 'Council' (and Annex I thereto 'Economic and Social Committee') of the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1978.

The Committee on Budgets unanimously adopted the following report and the attached amendments at its meeting of 5 and 6 December 1977.

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Cointat, vice-chairman and rapporteur; Mr Alber, Lord Bessborough, Mr Fuchs (deputizing for Mr H. W. Müller), Mr Notenboom, Mr Ripamonti, Mr Santer (deputizing for Mr L'Estrange), 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

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on Annex I (Economic and Social Committee) to Section II (Council) of the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1978

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 446/77);
- whereas the decisions taken by Parliament to adopt amendments providing for a modest expansion of the establishment plan of the Economic and Social Committee are justified by the increased workload of that body;
- whereas the deliberations of the Council on the draft budget as modified by Parliament in no way detract from the validity of the amendments adopted by Parliament;

Adopts the estimates contained in Annex I (Economic and Social Committee) to Section II (Council) of the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1978 on the basis of the adopted amendments.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The rapporteur notes that the Council has accepted the amendment to Annex I (Economic and Social Committee) to Section II (Council) of the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1978, increasing by 29,000 EUA the appropriation for the renewal of ESC equipment.

He also notes that the Council has partly accepted Parliament's amendment concerning the appropriations earmarked for the operation of the Economic and Social Committee's restaurant.

In the light of these Council decisions, he considers that Parliament must simply re-submit the two amendments involving slight quantitative and qualitative changes to the ESC establishment plan, firstly because the Council's justification in no way detracts from the validity of these two amendments, and secondly because the ESC has a genuine need for additional staff to cope with its much increased workload which would in fact justify more far-reaching changes to the establishment plan.

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5 DECEMBER 1977

Doc. 420/67

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

AMENDMENT No. 67

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

Council Modification No. 260...

SECTION II - Council - Annex I - Economic and Social Committee
List of posts - add the following to the establishment plan:

1 A 4, 1 B 1, 1 C 1, 1 C 3/2 (C3)

A) Expenditure

Increase expenditure by 53,500 EUA *

B) Revenue

Increase revenue accordingly

C) Remarks

Unchanged

JUSTIFICATION

(a) The level of activity of the Secretariat of the Economic and Social Committee is on the increase, in particular following the acquisition by the committee of the right of initiative as a result of the recommendations made some years ago by the Conference of Heads of State or Government.

(b) The establishment plan of the ESC has been expanded over these past few years at a slower pace, so that it does not fully correspond to the needs associated with the increase in activity. These new posts, added to those allowed by the Council when it drew up the draft budget, meet only about half the requests put forward by the ESC with respect to its establishment plan needs for the next financial year.

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The Committee on Budgets considers that it should resubmit this amendment, since the Council's deliberations in no way detract from its validity.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

* BREAKDOWN OF ITEMS

EXPENDITURE - Chapter 11, Article 110 - Item 1100	48,600	EUA
- Item 1101	4,200	EUA
- Item 1102	7,200	EUA
- Item 1130	1,400	EUA
- Item 1131	600	EUA
- Item 119	4,500	EUA

Total 66,500 EUA

REVENUE - Chapter 40	9,800	EUA
- Chapter 41	3,200	EUA

Total 13,000 EUA

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AMENDMENT No. 68...

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

Council Modification No. 261...

SECTION II - COUNCIL - Annex I - Economic and Social Committee

List of posts - amend the establishment plan as follows:

+ 5 C 4;	- 5 C 5;
+ 2 D 1;	- 2 D 3/2;

(A) Expenditure

Unchanged

(B) Revenue

Unchanged

(C) Remarks

Unchanged

JUSTIFICATION

For several years staff in the lower career brackets of these categories have been denied advancement despite their proficiency.

These changes meet only half the requests made by the Economic and Social Committee as regards conversions both from D 3/2 to D 1 and from C 5 to C 4.

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The Committee on Budgets considers that it should resubmit this amendment, since the Council's deliberations in no way detract from its validity.

