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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on/Section IV (Court of Justice)
of the draft general budget of the
European Communities for the financial
year 1979

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On 14 March 1978 the Committee on Budgets appointed Mr RIPAMONTI rapporteur on Section IV (Court of Justice).

At its meeting of 17 October 1978 the Committee on Budgets unanimously adopted the following resolution.

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Aigner, first vice-chairman; Mr Bangemann, second vice-chairman; Mr Ripamonti, rapporteur; Lord Bessborough, Lord Bruce of Donington, Mr Dalyell, Mr Dankert, Mr Früh, Mr Meintz, Mr Nielsen, Mr Radoux, Mr Rossi, Mr Schreiber, Mr Shaw, Mr Spinelli, Mr Verhaegen (deputizing for Mr H.W. Müller) and Mr Würtz.

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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 Section IV (Court of Justice) of the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1979

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft general budget for the 1979 financial year drawn up by the council (Section IV - Court of Justice) and its explanatory memorandum (Doc. 296/78),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 395/78),

Approves Section IV of the draft budget relating to the revenue and expenditure of the Court of Justice.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. Having regard to the proposals from the Court of Justice, the decisions taken by the Council - with the agreement of the institution concerned - on Section IV of the draft general budget call for few remarks. Suffice it to note that the appropriations for 1979 total 19,576,220 EUA (against 17,332,920 in 1978); the increase is of 12.9% or, in absolute figures, 2,243,300 EUA.
2. As indicated in the explanatory memorandum accompanying the draft budget drawn up by the Council, the Court of Justice agreed to the allocation of 9 of the 13 posts for legal secretaries which it had requested, on the understanding that the 4 additional posts would be created in the budget for the next financial year.
3. The list of posts for the Court of Justice shows the addition of 22 new posts: 4 in category A, 7 in category LA, 1 in category B and 10 in category C.
4. The justifications set out by the Court of Justice in support of its requests are concise but nevertheless clearly explain the reasons for the increases proposed against the various titles and chapters. It will be noted that of the total figure indicated above, 14,593,940 EUA represent expenditure on staff and 2,319,120 EUA expenditure on the rental of buildings and ancillary costs. In absolute terms the latter figure is rather high in proportion to the budget as a whole.
5. The rapporteur will propose that the Committee on Budgets should deliver a favourable opinion on the draft budget of the Court of Justice.