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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on the ~~draft~~/general budget of the European Communities for the 1975 financial
year modified by the Council on 28 November 1974 (Doc. 400/74)

Rapporteur: Mr H. AIGNER

This supplementary report is submitted pursuant to the provisions of Article 5(7) of the resolution adopted by the European Parliament on 25 September 1974 on the internal rules of procedure for consideration of the draft general budget of the Communities for the 1975 financial year (Doc. 252/74)¹.

It was considered and unanimously adopted by the Committee on Budgets on 11 December 1974.

Present: Mr Spénale, chairman; Mr Aigner, vice-chairman and rapporteur; Mr Artzinger, Mr Delmotte (deputizing for Mr Radoux), Mr Deschamps (deputizing for Mr Poher), Mr Gerlach, Mr Hansen, Mr Lagorce, Mr Ligios (deputizing for Mr Galli), Mr Liogier (deputizing for Mr de la Malène), Mr Pêtre, Mr Rosati (deputizing for Mr Boano) and Mr Shaw.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally by the rapporteur.

¹ Article 5(7)

'The Council's summary of the results of its deliberations on the proposed modifications adopted by Parliament shall be discussed and a motion for a resolution may then be put to the vote.'

The Committee on Budgets hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the draft general budget of the European Communities for the 1975 financial year modified by the Council on 28 November 1974

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft general budget for the 1975 financial year established by the Council (Doc. 288/74),
- having regard to its deliberations on 14 November 1974 ;
- having regard to the outcome of the Council's deliberations on 28 November 1974 (Doc. 400/74),
- having regard to its deliberations on 10 and 12 December 1974,

I. APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 203

1. Reiterates its criticism of the complex and ambiguous nature of the budgetary provisions contained in Article 203 of the EEC Treaty;
2. Reaffirms its view that these provisions are an obstacle both to the desired development of new Community policies and to the required strengthening of the European Parliament's budgetary powers;
3. Welcomes, however, the efforts made by the institutions concerned to cooperate throughout the budgetary procedure;
4. Feels that the goodwill and pragmatic approach pervading relations between the Council and the Assembly have enabled an acceptable compromise to be reached in respect of the budget for the 1975 financial year;
5. Welcomes the classification, at this stage in the budgetary procedure and following the Parliament's intervention, of expenditure relating to the regional development fund in the category of 'non-compulsory' expenditure and considers that this classification should be confirmed by the nature of the basic decisions to be taken on this matter;
6. Confirms that expenditure for United Nations international emergency measures (Article 940), which were the subject of the first supplementary budget for 1974 established by the Council on 26 November 1974, should be classified as 'non-compulsory' expenditure ;

Amendments to which the Council has made modifications which Parliament accepts

13. Decides not to reinstate in particular Amendments Nos. 38 and 39 (posts for the Staff Committee and building loans), the Council having agreed to take part in inter-institutional discussions on these questions;

III. ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft general budget of the Communities for the 1975 financial year established by the Council (Doc. 288/74),
 - having regard to its deliberations on 14 November 1974,
 - having regard to the outcome of the Council's deliberations on 28 November 1974;
 - having regard to its deliberations on 10 and 12 December 1974,
1. Finds that the procedure laid down by the provisions of Articles 203 EEC, 177 EAEC and 78 ECSC has been completed;
 2. Adopts pursuant to its votes and in accordance with the provisions of Article 203(7) EEC, Article 177(7) EAEC and Article 78(7) ECSC the general budget of the European Communities for the 1975 financial year.

It is as follows: