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REPORT

on behalf of the Committee on Budgets on the 1986 draft budget

Section I - PARLIAMENT

Rapporteur: Mr H.J. LOUWES

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On 11 February 1985 the Committee on Budgets appointed Mr LOUWES rapporteur on Section I - Parliament - of the draft budget of the European Communities for the 1986 financial year.

At its meeting of 5 November 1985 the Committee on Budgets considered the draft amendments tabled to this section of the budget. The following motion for a resolution was adopted by 20 votes to 1 with 10 abstentions.

The Committee on Budgets took into account the motion for a resolution referred to it pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure on equal facilities for the members of all institutions of the European Community and improved working conditions for Members of the European Parliament.

Present for the vote: Mr COT, chairman; Mr RYAN, first vice-chairman; Sir James SCOTT-HOPKINS, second vice-chairman; Mrs BARBARELLA, third vice-chairman; Mr LOUWES, rapporteur; Mr ALAVANOS (deputizing for Mrs BOSERUP), Mr ARNDT, Mr BARDONG, Mr BROK (deputizing for Mr K. SCHON), Mr BONDE, Mr CHAMBEIRON, Mr CICCIOMESSERE, Mr CORNELISSN, Mr CURRY, Mr DANKERT, Mr James ELLES, Mr EYRAUD (deputizing for Mr ABENS), Mr FISH, Mrs FUILLET, Mr GATTI (deputizing for Mr SPINELLA), Mr GUERMEUR (deputizing for Mr MALAUD), Mr HERMAN (deputizing for Mr DEPREZ), Mrs HOFF, Mr NORMANTON, Mr LANGES, Mr LALOR, Mr PAPOUTSIS, Mr PASTY, Mr SCHREIBER (deputizing for Mr PITT), Mrs SCRIVENER, Mr TOMLINSON, Mr DE VRIES (deputizing for Mr ROSSI), and Mr VON DER VRING.

The report was tbled on 7 November 1985.

The deadline for tabling amendments will be indicated in the draft agenda of the part-session at which the report is considered.

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u.	MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION	
	tabled by Mr ROGALLA pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure	
	on equal facilities for the Members of all institutions of the European Community and improved working conditions for Members of the European Parliament (Doc. B 2-72/85)	

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

A MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION on the 1986 draft budget - Section I - Parliament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft budget for 1986, Doc. C2/100-85 Volume 2;
- having regard to its resolution of 12 June 1985 on the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the European Parliament for the 1986 financial year,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. A 2-147/85),
- having regard to the motion for a resolution pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure on equal facilities for the members of all institutions of the European Community and improved working conditions for Members of the European Parliament (Doc. B 2-72/85);
- Confirms its decision of 12 June 1985 establishing the revenue and expenditure of Parliament for 1986 at 301.3 m ECU; enters an additional 4.95 m ECU² for supplementary expenditure resulting from the enlargement of the Community;
- 2. Makes a number of changes, within this overall amount, to the allocation of appropriations among the various budget lines, in particular for the implementation of the measures to be laid down by the Council regarding the termination of service of staff in connection with the accession of Spain and Portugal to the Community;
- 3. Stresses again that most of the increase in its expenditure is due to the enlargement of the Community and that the amount of this increase (approximately 30 m ECU) is roughly equivalent to the savings which might be made if the Member States were to comply with their Treaty obligations and decide on a permanent seat for the European institutions;
- 4. Confirms the decisions taken when establishing the estimates of revenue and expenditure for 1986 with a view to more efficient and cost-effective working conditions for the Institution;
- 5. Urges the Bureau, in this connection, to take immediate steps:
 - to enable the Spanish and Portuguese Members to exercise their mandates in comparable conditions to current Members as soon as they take up their duties in Parliament;

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²to be adjusted in line with the vote on amendments to Section I Parliament - of the 1986 draft budget

- simultaneously to achieve progress in the thorough review and reform of the organization of the Secretariat in order to achieve the agreed aim of returning to the present establishment plan of about 2 600 permanent posts at the end of the present parliamentary term despite the new posts created for 1986;
- 6. Requests its Secretary-General to submit proposals to the Bureau to this effect;
- 7. Notes with satisfaction that the Secretary-General has submitted a number of explanatory notes to the Bureau and the Committee on Budgets pursuant to the decisions embodied in the resolution of 12 June; requests the Secretary-General to complete investigations into outstanding points as rapidly as possible and in the meantime to refrain from taking any measures which anticipate the action the Bureau and Committee on Budgets will take on his report;
- 8. Asks that on the occasion of the quarterly reports on implementation of the budget a report should also be published on progress in respect of implementation of the decisions taken on 12 June;
- 9. Insists that the third 400-km radius for the reimbursement of Members' travel expenses which was decided upon on 12 June should be introduced before the end of the first quarter of 1986;
- 10. Considers it very important that a proposal should be submitted to Parliament together with the estimates of revenue and expenditure for 1987 relating to the revision of the Rules of Procedure and the internal financial regulations in order to simplify the distribution of powers among the various bodies of Parliament responsible for the implementation of the budget and to bring it closer into line with the decisions taken when the budget is adopted.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

- 1. On 12 June Parliament established the estimates of its revenue and expenditure for the 1986 financial year at 301.3 m ECu, including 224 new permanent posts and 49 temporary posts (see Annex 1).
- 2. These estimates were drawn up after broad consultation between the Bureau of Parliament, the enlarged Bureau and the Committee on Budgets, in accordance with the new procedure described in the 'Note on the adjustments to the procedure for drawing up Parliament's estimates' (PE 96.586/Bur.).
- 3. On establishing the estimates for 1986, Parliament also took a number of decisions with a view to more efficient operation of the institution.
- 4. Paragraphs 7 to 9 of the resolution constitute a request to Parliament's budgetary authorities to adjust Parliament's internal regulations in accordance with the new procedure for drawing up Parliament's estimates and, inter alia, to simplify the distribution of powers between the various bodies responsible for implementation of the budget, so as to link the implementation of the budget more closely to the decisions taken when the budget is adopted.
- 5. The Committee on Budgetary Control has announced that it will take account of this decision in considering the revision of Parliament's internal financial regulations.
- 6. The Bureau has not yet reacted to this decision. The rapporteur is compelled to note, however, that the Bureau has meanwhile taken a number of unilateral decisions the financial implications of which were not provided for in the estimates of expenditure:
- Decision of 9 July 1985 on the cumulation of national and European pension rights (Item 1030): + 150 000 ECU
- . Decision of 30 September 1985 increasing Members' secretarial expenses (employer's contribution in respect of assistants) (Article 106) : + 434 000 ECU
- Decision of 30 September 1985 on the extension and gradual dismantling of the system of fixed exchange rates for Members allowances (Item 2321): + 800 000 ECU
- 7. Parliament's administration has informed the rapporteur that the first two amounts can be met within the limits of available appropriations if no European elections take place in 1986 in the two new Member States. The Committee on Budgets therefore believes that a small increase in the appropriations in the contingency reserve would suffice to meet such expenditure if needed. That is not however the case for the last amount (800 000 ECU), which relates to the status quo arrangement for exchange rates. The 1986 estimates made no provision at all for such expenditure, which Parliament had already decided in plenary sitting to abolish before 1985. The 1985 budget included appropriations for only 6 months for the status quo arrangement. The Bureau requested the President of Parliament to submit to the Committee on Budgetary Control a proposal for a transfer of appropriations. This transfer of appropriations was rejected by both the Committee on Budgetary Control and the Committee on Budgets.

- 8. Bearing in mind the repeated formal rejection of the status quo arrangement by Parliament, the Committee on Budgets feels that it does not fall within its terms of reference to table an amendment to this effect to the draft budget for 1986.
- 9. In paragraph 13 of the resolution Parliament instructs the Bureau thoroughly to review and reform the organization of parliamentary activities and the Secretariat's departments with a view to the accession of Spain and Portugal. The rapporteur is not aware that the relevant discussions in the Bureau have led to practical results.
- 10. Reference may also be made in this context to paragraph 19 of the resolution in which the Committee on the Rules of Procedure is instructed to revise Rules 42(5), 47 and 48 in such a way that they are used more effectively and less frequently. So far no such proposals have been announced. The rapporteur has found that the increase in the number of motions for resolutions has been such that, in terms of volume of translation, they are outstripping the draft reports drawn up by the parliamentary committees following consultation by the Council.
- 11. On the other hand, a start has been made on the adjustment of the timetables for the meetings of Parliament's committees. This is, however, only a beginning which needs to be extended to other parliamentary bodies and must also be consolidated, in particular in order to curb the structural trend towards an increase in the number of meetings or meeting days and the corresponding increase in the load on the translation, printing and distribution services.
- 12. Paragraph 30 of the resolution called for a general review of the system of Members' allowances, paragraph 46 for a reform of the policy in respect of translation and publishing and paragraph 48 for an investigation into the possibilities of closer cooperation between the information offices of the Commission and Parliament. As far as the Committee on Budgets knows, no new initiatives have yet been taken in this regard.
- 13. In paragraph 31 of the resolution Parliament expresses the desire that a third 400-km radius should be introduced for the reimbursement of Members' travel expenses. Relevant proposals are now before the College of Quaestors. No decision has yet been taken. According to the Secretary-General's calculations this would mean a saving of 1 200 000 ECU. The Committee on . Budgets insists that this decision of Parliament should enter rapidly into force.
- 14. The Committee on Budgetary Control has announced its intention to speed up its investigation into the management of the canteens and restaurants, as requested in paragraph 36 of the resolution. It has still to pronounce on the proposal that the management should be subject to annual independent external scrutiny. Parliament will have to take a decision on this matter in connection with the report on budgetary control.
- 15. The Secretary-General has prepared a detailed written reply in respect of most of the requests addressed to him. The Bureau took cognizance of the principal notes drawn up in this connection on 23 October 1985. The Committee on Budgets notes this with satisfaction.

- 16. The Secretary-General has, for example, taken the first steps towards greater staff mobility. Your rapporteur remains convinced that the objectives set by Parliament with regard to the establishment plan require a more radical approach to the organization of the Secretariat, especially if the newly created 224 permanent and 49 temporary posts are to be phased out by the end of the present parliamentary term. In this connection it must be admitted that the exception made to this rule for the benefit of the staff of the political groups has not contributed to a dispassionate approach to this problem.
- 17. The rapporteur therefore again urges the Bureau to address a clear mandate to the Secretary-General in this direction, as requested in paragraph 25 of the resolution.
- 18. The Committee on Budgets has not yet received the report which is referred to in paragraph 27 of the resolution and which should enable it to consider problems connected with the transfer of posts and the grades in which new members of staff are recruited. The Committee on Budgets therefore requests the Secretary-General to defer any promotions on the basis of the relevant posts until the Committee on Budgets has had an opportunity to adopt a position on his report.
- 19. No progress has yet been made in the investigation as to how Parliament can take better account of the comments of the Court of Auditors on the allocation of supplementary mission expenses to staff (paragraph 35 of the resolution).
- 20. With regard to the review of agreements with third parties, as requested in paragraph 39 of the resolution, the Secretary-General has submitted a detailed note, as also on the matters raised in paragraph 16 in connection with the index-linking of many items of expenditure. These documents show that Parliament is largely dependent on local market conditions and that radical measures would not necessarily lead to reductions in expenditure. The Committee on Budgets maintains its position of principle as regards the rejection of index-linked contracts and the drafting of more cost-effective contracts with third parties. The Secretary-General has been asked to submit a report on these requirements on the occasion of his quarterly report on the implementation of the budget.
- 21. Although the documents submitted do not deal with the question of the operation of the travel office referred to in the resolution, it is worth mentioning that in the meantime an invitation to tender has been sent out with a view to entrusting a number of tasks with an external agency. The outcome of this procedure is, however, not yet known.
- 22. In connection with paragraph 32 of the resolution the Secretary-General has carried out a trial functional breakdown of Parliament's expenditure. The rapporteur invites the Secretary-General to continue along this path and further to develop the operating budget as a management instrument.

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- 23. Amendments have been tabled by the various political groups or invidivual Members, most of which involve an increase in expenditure.
- 24. Several of the political group chairmen have tabled a joint amendment with a view to entering appropriations in the budget for an information campaign on the occasion of the European elections in Spain and Portugal. The proposed amount of 3.5 m ECU is calculated on the basis of the total amount allocated in 1982–1984 for the campaign in the ten Member States (43 m ECU). The Committee on Budgets approved this request.
- 25. In addition to a slight adjustment with regard to the number of Members who receive an invalidity pension, the Secretary-General has asked for a new budget line to be created in order to implement the proposed measures concerning the termination of service of officials in the context of the accession of Spain and Portugal. The relevant expenditure would total about 666 500 ECU.
- 26. The Committee on Budgets considers that this expenditure could be compensated for in Parliament, as in the other institutions, by a corresponding reduction in Item 1100 salaries, given that the termination-of-service allowance amounts to less than the salary that would otherwise be paid and a certain amount of time will elapse before replacement staff can be recruited. The new staff will generally be placed in lower salary steps, and possibly even lower grades, than the staff they will replace.
- 27. A positive opinion was also delivered in respect of the amendment entering extra appropriations in the budget in order to enable political group chairmen to apply the proposed measures on the termination of service of permanent staff of the Community, now before the Council, to temporary staff of the political groups.
- 28. Finally a positive opinion was delivered on the amendment seeking an increase in the appropriations for visitors' groups, in particular because of the expected large number of visitors from Spain and Portugal.
- 29. A summary of the decisions of the Committee on Budgets will be found in Annex 3 to this report.
- 30. The Committee on Budgets also took account of the motion for a resolution (Rules 47 of the Rules of Procedure) by Mr ROGALLA on equal facilities for the members of all institutions of the European Community and improved working conditions for Members of the European Parliament.

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PARLIAMENT

EXPENDITURE

General summary of appropriations (1986 and 1985) and outturn (1) (1984)

Title Chapter	Heading	Appropriations 1986	Appropriations 1985	Outlurn 1984
ı	EXPENDITURE RELATING TO PERSONS WORKING WITH THE INSTITUTION			
0	MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTION	60 354 062	44 751 000	40 413 651,-
11	STAFF	137 930 911	114 877 879	107 971 218,-
1 2	ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES ON ENTERING AND LEAVING THE SERVICE AND ON TRANSFER	4 522 665	2 005 956	1811668,
1 3	EXPENDITURE RELATING TO MISSIONS AND DUTY TRAVEL	9 885 000	8 600 000	7 291 643,
1 4	SOCIO-MEDICAL INFRASTRUCTURE	428 800	549 500	385 474,
1 5	GRADUATE TRAINEESHIPS AND FURTHER TRAINING FOR STAFF	1 185 985	629 110	590 928,
1 6	EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL WELFARE	314 533	263 494	267 992,
	Title 1 Total	- 214 621 956	171 676 939	158 732 574,

2	BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT AND MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENDITURE			
2 0	INVESTMENTS IN IMMOVABLE PROPERTY, RENTAL OF BUILDINGS AND ASSOCIATED COSTS	29 028 659	24 500 000	22 167 466,
2 2	MOVABLE PROPERTY AND ASSOCIATED COSTS	12 038 843	7 577 075	7 456 300,
2 3	CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE	7 561 300	5 905 000	6 985 302.
2 4	ENTERTAINMENT AND REPRESENTATION EXPENSES	334 500	182 000	282 704.
2 5	EXPENDITURE ON FORMAL AND OTHER MEETINGS	550 000	400 000	515 324
2 6	EXPENDITURE ON STUDIES, SURVEYS AND CONSULTATIONS	160 000	150 000	69 308.
2 7	EXPENDITURE ON PUBLISHING AND INFORMATION	10 613 000	7 960 000	8 912 432
29	SUBSIDIES AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	4 978 000	3 628 500	2 958 107.
	Title 2 — Total	65 264 302	50 302 575	49 346 943
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⁽¹⁾ The figures shown comprise the outturn settled as at 31 December 1984 plus appropriations carried forward.

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General summary of appropriations (1986 and 1985) and outturn (1984) (cont'd)

Title Chapter	Heading	Appropriations 1986	Appropriations 1985	Outturn 1984
3	EXPENDITURE RESULTING FROM SPECIAL FUNCTIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE INSTITUTION			
• `	EXPENDITURE RELATING TO CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES	13 670 000	7 449 000	27 330 562,—
	Title 3 Total	13 670 000	7 449 000	27 330 562,—
10	OTHER EXPENDITURE			
10.0	PROVISIONAL APPROPRIATIONS	5 785 000	6 348 978	0,
0.4	CONTINGENCY RESERVE	2 000 000	2 000 000	0,
	Title 10 — Total	7 785 900	8 348 978	0,
	GRAND TOTAL	301 341 258	237 777 492	235 410 079 <u>.</u> -

COMPARISON WITH THE OTHER INSTITUTIONS

INSTITUTION	1985 budget	(¹)	Draft 1986	budget	Variation as again	
	Amount	3	Amount	x	ECU	*
European Parliame	nt 237 777 492	0,84	301 341 258	υ,95	183 563 766	+ 26,73
Council	158 468 422	0,56	185 602 700	0,58	27 134 278	+ 17,12
CCHAISSION	27 985 240 276	98,42	31 240 627 849	98,27	3 255 387 573	+ 11,63
Court of Justice	32 635 754	0,11	39 978 800	0,13	7 343 046	+ 22,5
Court of Auditors	19 071 030	0,07	23 544 130	0,07	4 473 100	+ 23,45
TOTAL	28 433 192 974	100	31 791 094 737	100	3 357 901 763	+ 11,8

DA	Budget line	Tabled by	Subject	Payments	Vote
421	ESTABLISHMENT PLAN	Socialist Group	2 up-gradings A 6 and A 5 and 2 deletions A 5 and A 4		Pos.: 22/0/0
348	Ξ.	Mr PANNELLA and others	Conversion of 7 auxiliary posts into 6 temporary posts	+ 28 650	Neg.: 5/14/8
101.530/ Am. 1	Item 1256 new	LOUWES	101.530/ Item 1256 LOUWES Allowances on definitively leaving the Am. 1 new /85)	+ 666 500 (compensation:tran ferred from Item	Pos.: 33/0/0
375	2000	Mr VANDEMEULE- BROUCKE and others		- 3 539 620	Neg.: 2/26/3
377	255	=	Miscellaneous expenditure on the organization of, and participation in, conferences, congresses and meetings	- 150 000	Neg.: 11/18/0
323	260	Energy Committee	Limited consultations, studies and surveys	+ 100 000	Neg.: 0/29/3
376	260	Mr VANDEMEULE-BROUCKE and others		000 06 -	Neg.: 4/29/2
577	2990		Subsidies and financial contributions towards the cost of group visits	+ 1 000 000	Pos.: 19/13/1
458	458 3708		Soc. Gr., PPE, ED,Constribution to the cost of preparations for + 3 500 000 Pos.: 30/8/0 Com. L, RDE, ARC the next European elections	. + 3 500 000	Pos.: 30/8/0
299	3709 (new)	PPE	Allowance on termination of service for staff of political groups	+ 150 000	Pos.: 23/9/4
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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr ROGALLA

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on equal facilities for the Members of all institutions of the European Community and improved working conditions for Members of the European Parliament

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The European Parliament,

A. having regard to

- Article 137 et seq. of the EEC Treaty, and to the Act of 20 September 1976 concerning the election of representatives of the Assembly by direct universal suffrage,
- the expectations of the people of Europe, as expressed in the two direct elections to the European Parliament, and with a view to maximizing the effectiveness of Members of the European Parliament in the conduct of their duties, in order to intensify cooperation between the Member States in respect of peace, economic strength and, in particular, the campaign against unemployment,
 - the practice towards their members of the other institutions, especially the Commission and the European Court of Justice, dating back for decades,

B. whereas

- (a) the Members of all institutions, that is to say of the Commission and the Court of Justice on the one hand and of the European Parliament on the other, must be equally provided with technical facilities, and Members of Parliament, in addition to equipment for their offices in their countries of origin, must also be provided with suitable working conditions at the seat of the institutions, so that they may effectively draw attention to their valuable activities for European unification, to supplement the European Parliament's present rather low-key image in the media in every Member State,
- (b) existing practice, based on the previous, smaller, non directly-elected European Parliament, was for facilities to be provided for Members via a political group system and, with the increased demands on group staff, has resulted in totally inadequate facilities for Members, to the substantial detriment of their work at the seat of the institutions,
- 1. Instructs the Bureau to ensure that, in future, services in the official languages, especially the translation of letters to Members, of their press releases and of other expressions of opinion related to their special political responsibilities and when travelling on official business etc. are provided by Parliament as required;
- Instructs the Bureau to arrange for Members to be supplied with telephone answering machines for their Brussels offices on request; also instructs the Bureau to make the necessary technical provision for the uninterrupted use of photocopiers and telex machines at any time;
- 3. Instructs the Bureau also to start negotiations with the governments of the Member States so that Members of the European Parliament may use postal and telecommunications facilities and public transport in all Member States on the same terms as do members of the national parliaments;
- Instructs the Bureau to adopt all budgetary measures required to put this
 resolution into effect;
- 5. Instructs the Bureau, on completion of these measures, to review the arrangements for Members' allowances accordingly, especially in respect of travel on official business.

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

DRAFT BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1986

7 NOVEMBER 1985

(Doc. C2-100 / 85)

Doc. C2-100 / .6U2

Draft amendment

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No .602..

Tabled by Mr LOUWES, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION I - European Parliament Item 1256 (new)

NOMENCLATURE

Create the following new item 1256:

'Allowances on definitive termination of service (Regulation No.

/85)

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		Commitments	Payments
Item 1256	Preliminary Draft		
	Draft		
	Amend./r	+	666 500
	New amount		666 500
B. Compensation			
Item 1110 Basic salaries	Preliminary Draft	9	1 964 793
	Draft	9	1 964 793
	Amend.	_	666 500
	New amount	9	1 298 293

C. Net effect on the volume of expenditure

D. Effect on revenue

JUSTIFICATION

The purpose of this new budgetary heading is to allow implementation of the Council regulation on the early retirement of staff following the accession of Spain and Portugal to the Community.

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DRAFT BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1986

7 NOVEMBER 1985	(Doc. C2-100 / 8	5)	Doc. C2-100 / 65	,
Draft amendment Response Response No 603				
Tabled by Mr LOUWES, on behalf	of the Committee on	Budgets		
SECTION I - European Parliame	ent			
Chapter 101 - Conting	gency reserve			
NOMENCLATURE				
EXPENDITURE/REMINERATION				
Differentiated appropriations/	pantband pygyapdellana			
A. Amendment/BERSSSSSSS				
		Commitments	Payme nts	
	Preliminary Draft		2 000 000	
	Draft		2 000 000	
	Amend./mod.		+ 300 000	
	New amount		2 300 000	
B. Compensation				
•	Preliminary Draft			
	Draft			
	Amend./mod.			
	New amount			
C. Net effect on the volume of expend	iture			
D. Effect on revenue				

<u>Justification</u>

Uncertainties as to when European elections will be held in Spann and Portugal and the ensuing repercussions on the secretarial allowances of Members necessions a slight increase in the contingency reserve.

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