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Opinion of the Committee on Budgets

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OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

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Letter from the chairman of the committee to Mr M. WELSH, chairman of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment.

Strasbourg, 9 October 1985

Subject: Opinion of the Committee on Budgets on the

- I. Communication from the Commission concerning vocational training and the new information technologies - work programme 1985-1988 (COM(85) 167 final)
- II. Communication from the Commission concerning technological change and social adjustment

Dear Mr Welsh,

At its meeting of 25/26 September 1985, the Committee on Budgets considered the communications referred to above.

Ad I

The Committee on Budgets noted that the Council resolution of 2 June 1983 concerning measures relating to vocational training and the new information technologies lays down that Community financing of programmes at Community level is to be determined within the framework of the budgetary procedure and in accordance with the commitments undertaken by the Council. In addition, it recognized that these measures have been financed since 1984.

The Committee on Budgets also formulated the following observations:

- measures concerning information must be seen against the background of other Community projects in the field of information technologies;
- the appropriation entered in the 1986 preliminary draft budget for this programme is different from the amount referred to in the financial statement attached to the Communication (720 000 ECU as against 755 000 ECU);
- it noted that there were no financial consequences for appropriations for staff;
- determination of future appropriations and posts required would be included in the budgetary procedure;
- enlargement would result in a 24% increase in appropriations, which corresponds by and large to the average increase in the overall budget.

Ad II

As regards the Communciation concerning technological change and social adjustment, the Committee on Budgets noted that as they stand, the guidelines proposed by the Commission would not have any specific financial consequences for the Community budget (Social and Regional Funds and the NCI).

Consequently, the Committee on Budgets reserves the right to review this issue at a later date once the Commission has submitted proposals for legislation.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Jean-Pierre COT

The following Members were present: Mr COT, Chairman: Sir James SCOTT-HOPKINS, second vice-chairman; Mrs BARBARELLA, third vice-chairman; Mr ADAM (deputizing for Mr ABENS), Mr BARDONG, Sir Fred CATHERWOOD, Mr CHIUSANO, Mr CHRISTODOULOU, Mr CORNELISSEN, Mr CURRY, Mr DANKERT, Mr ELLES, Mr FICH, Mr LALOR, Mr MIZZAU, Mr NORMANTON, Mr d'ORMESSON, Mr PASTY, Mr PFENNIG, Mr PITT, Mr SCHREIBER (deputizing for Mrs HOFF), Mrs SCRIVENER, Mr SUTRA (deputizing for Mr ARNDT), Mr TOMLINSON, Mr VON DER VRING and Mr van der WAAL (deputizing for Mr CICCIOMESSERE).