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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 323/76) concerning a 3-year indicative food aid programme 1977-1979

Letter from the first vice-chairman of the committee to Miss C. FLESCH, chairman of the Committee on Development and Cooperation

Luxembourg, 17 November 1976

Dear Miss Flesch,

The Committee on Budgets, which was asked for its opinion on the Commission's communication on the indicative food aid programme 1977-1979, has instructed me to forward the following remarks to you:

- It notes the indicative nature of this programme, which implies that the decisions on the provision of food aid will in fact be taken when each annual programme is adopted and the relevant appropriations for the financial year concerned have been voted on;
- Consequently, the Committee on Budgets is surprised that the Commission has apparently not envisaged the possibility of having a 'sliding' programme to allow the progressive adjustment of initial estimates and objectives;
- Finally, it would have liked to see figures comparing the cost of Community food aid with that of food aid provided by the Member States.

Subject to the above remarks, the Committee on Budgets delivered a favourable opinion on the Commission's communication at its meeting of 17 November 1976¹.

Yours sincerely,

Heinrich AIGNER

First vice-chairman

¹ Present: Mr Aigner, first vice-chairman and acting chairman; Lord Bessborough, Lord Bruce of Donington, Mr Clerfayt, Mr Notenboom and Mr Shaw