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### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Docs. COM(83) 696, 697 and 698 final - Doc. 1-1236/83) for

- I. a regulation establishing special measures of Community interest in the field of employment
- II. a regulation establishing special measures of Community interest relating to transport infrastructure
- III. a regulation establishing special measures of Community interest relating to energy strategy

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Or. Fr.



On 13 February 1984, the European Parliament referred back to the Committee on Budgets, pursuant to Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure, the request by the Council for an opinion on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for: a regulation establishing special measures of Community interest in the field of employment; a regulation establishing special measures of Community interest relating to transport infrastructure; and a regulation establishing special measures of Community interest relating to energy strategy.

At its meetings of 15 and 22 February 1984, the Committee on Budgets considered this matter and took note of the Commission's position on the amendments adopted by Parliament on 13 February 1984 to the proposals for regulations. At the meeting of 22 February, the committee decided, by 18 votes to 1 with 1 abstention, to recommend to Parliament that the regulation texts adopted at the sitting of 13 February 1984 be retained as supplemented and modified by the following two amendments.

The following were present at the meeting: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Notenboom, vice-chairman; Mrs Scrivener, rapporteur; Mr Adamou (deputizing for Mrs Barbarella), Mr Arndt, Mr Baillet, Mrs Boserup, Mr D'Angelosante (deputizing for Mr Gauthier), Lord Douro, Mr Harris (deputizing for Mr Price), Mr Helms (deputizing for Mr Pfennig), Mr R. Jackson, Mr Langes, Mr Louwes, Mr Newton-Dunn, Mr B. Nielsen (deputizing for Mr Rossi), Mrs Nikolaou, Mr Patterson (deputizing for Mr Balfour), Mr Protopapadakis, Mr Saby, Mr Konrad Schön, Mr Scott-Hopkins (deputizing for Mr Kellett-Bowman) and Mr Simonnet.

The rapporteur was instructed to supplement and modify accordingly the motion for a resolution to be submitted to Parliament.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally by the rapporteur.

The report was tabled on 24 February 1984.

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

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The Committee on Budgets hereby submits to the European Parliament the following amendments to the Commission's proposals and motion for a resolution:

AMENDMENT No. 1<sup>1</sup>

arising from the referral back to committee, pursuant to Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure, of the request by the Council for an opinion on the proposals for regulations establishing special measures of Community interest in the field of employment, relating to transport infrastructure and relating to energy strategy

Article 4(4) of the three proposals for regulations

'Community financial contributions shall be made only in respect of projects, schemes or measures initiated after 1 January 1983.

No financial contribution shall be made in respect of any project or measure completed before the entry into force of this regulation'

Hence:

- (a) for the proposal on measures in the field of employment, replace 'scheme' by 'schemes and measures'  
in the fifth, sixth and seventh recitals,  
in Article 2, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3  
in Article 3, paragraph 1  
in Article 4, paragraphs 1 and 2  
in Article 5, paragraphs 2 and 3  
in Article 6, paragraphs 1 and 2
- (b) for the proposal for measures relating to transport infrastructure, replace 'projects' by 'projects and measures'  
in the third and fourth recitals  
in Article 2, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3  
in Article 3, paragraph 1  
in Article 4, paragraphs 1 and 2  
in Article 5, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3  
in Article 6, paragraph 1

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<sup>1</sup> This amendment modifies Amendments Nos. 6, 15 and 23 adopted on 13 February 1984

AMENDMENT No. 2<sup>1</sup>

arising from the referral back to committee, pursuant to Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure, of the request by the Council for an opinion on the proposals for regulations establishing special measures of Community interest in the field of employment, relating to transport infrastructure and relating to energy strategy

Article 4(3) of the three proposals for regulations

'The Community's overall financial contribution may not exceed for each scheme 60% of the annual public expenditure provided for its execution'

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<sup>1</sup> This amendment modifies Amendments Nos. 5, 14 and 22 adopted on 13 February 1984

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- I. a regulation establishing special measures of Community interest in the field of employment
- II. a regulation establishing special measures of Community interest relating to transport infrastructure
- III. a regulation establishing special measures of Community interest relating to energy strategy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission to the Council (COM(83) 696, 697 and 698 final),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 1-1236/83),
- having regard to its decisions taken in connection with the budget of the European Communities for 1984,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinions of the Committees on Transport and Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 1-1353/83),
- having regard to the supplementary report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-1476/83),
- having regard to the result of the votes on the Commission's proposals on 13 February 1984,
- whereas Parliament thereupon decided to refer all matters connected with the Council's request for an opinion back to the Committee on Budgets for reconsideration, pursuant to Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure,

- having regard to the decisions by the Committee on Budgets, after this referral back and the statements by the Commission regarding the amendments adopted on 13 February 1984 as supplemented or corrected by new amendments submitted by the committee to Parliament,

1. Points out that

- (a) it has always insisted, for example during the consideration and adoption of the 1984 budget, that a lasting solution should be found to the financial problems affecting some Member States;
- (b) it has noted, in its resolution of 15 December 1983 on the draft budget for 1984, that the European Council in Athens 'failed to provide an answer to the financial problems of the Community';
- (c) it has declared that, to avoid discrimination against any of the Member States, a permanent solution must be found before 31 March 1984;

2. Believes that, in order not to obstruct the Community's work, an opinion should be delivered on these proposals, provided they are appreciably modified, however, so as to place the special measures in the context of Community policies;

3. Points out that no proposal for a regulation has been submitted by the Commission for intervention in the sector of urban concentrations as indicated by Parliament, and therefore calls upon the Commission to make good this omission as rapidly as possible;

4. Amends the three proposals to this end, with a view to:

- putting aside any notion of a 'juste retour' and any principle relating to the idea of a net contribution by Member States to the Community budget, which would undermine the financial autonomy of the Community;
- affirming that positions of financial imbalance incompatible with the economic efficiency of the Member States referred to, should be balanced by expenditure measures within the context of Community policies;



- providing financial assistance from the Community for schemes, projects and measures begun after 1 January 1983;
  - ensuring that no financial contribution shall be made by the Community in respect of any project or measure completed before the entry into force of these regulations;
  - altering the nature and the means of payment of the financial assistance in order to provide it in the form of advances and to enable the implementation of the schemes and projects to be monitored effectively; furthermore, refunds at a rate of 90% of Community expenditure are provided for for schemes and projects already financed;
  - making provision for the balance of the financial assistance granted to be paid as and when the conditions governing implementation of the schemes and projects approved by the Commission are verified;
  - removing the powers conferred on the management committee, which are incompatible with the Treaties; the committee may not obstruct measures to implement Community policies which are the responsibility of the Commission; it is replaced by a consultative committee;
  - supplementing the machinery for Community controls in such a way that, without prejudice to the powers conferred on the Court of Auditors by the Treaties, the Commission is fully able to monitor the implementation of the schemes and projects being financed;
5. Makes clear that the share to be contributed by the Community in respect of the schemes, projects and measures to be financed is completely without prejudice to Parliament's opinion as to the share to be contributed by the Community in respect of other policies, which should equal the share contributed by the Member States;
6. Confirms the non-compulsory nature of the expenditure resulting from these regulations, which is incorporated in the annual budget;

7. Invites the Court of Auditors to prepare a special report on the effectiveness of these special measures and to report to Parliament, the Council and the Commission in time to allow them to take it into account in future budgets;
8. Points out to the Commission that it cannot, as in December 1982, carry out cash advances to the Member States concerned before the decisions of the budgetary authority;
9. Instructs its President to forward to the Council and Commission, as Parliament's opinion, the Commission's proposal as voted by Parliament and the corresponding resolution;
10. Requests its President, should the Council intend to depart from this opinion, to initiate the conciliation procedure without delay, so that Parliament may assert its position fully before the Council.