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on the cost to the EC budget and effectiveness of
committees of a management, advisory and consultative
nature

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The Committee on Budgetary Control was instructed to draw up this report after the adoption on 21 December 1982 of the 1983 budget which contained an entry of 2,000,000 ECU against chapter 100 in respect of Articles 250 and 251 of section III A. The remarks column relating to this entry made the release of the appropriations contingent upon the outcome of an investigation to be carried out on behalf of the European Parliament by the Committee on Budgetary Control.

At its meeting of 28 and 29 September 1982 the Committee on Budgetary Control appointed Mrs BOSERUP rapporteur, with responsibility for the sector of consultative, advisory and management committees and expert groups, and confirmed her mandate at its meeting of 13 and 14 June 1983.

The Committee on Budgetary Control considered the draft report and the preparatory working documents at its meetings of 27 and 28 January 1983, 21 and 22 April 1983, 24 and 25 May 1983 and 13 and 14 June 1983. At the last-mentioned meeting the motion for a resolution was adopted by 12 votes in favour with 4 abstentions.

The following took part in the vote: Mr AIGNER, chairman; Mr TREACY, vice-chairman; Mrs BOSERUP, vice-chairman and rapporteur; Mr PRICE, vice-chairman; Mr ALBER (deputizing for Mr Konrad SCHÖN), Mr GONTIKAS, Mr GOUTHIER, Mrs HERKLOTZ (deputizing for Mr GABERT), Mr KELLETT-BOWMAN, Mr LALUMIERE, Mr MARCK, Mr RYAN, Mr SABY, Mr TOLMAN (deputizing for Mr NOTENBOOM), Mrs VAN HEMELDONCK and Mr WETTIG.

This report was submitted on 16 June 1983.

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The Committee on Budgetary Control hereby submits to the European Parliament the following interim motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the cost to the EC budget and effectiveness of committees of a management, advisory and consultative nature

The European Parliament,

- A. recalling the comments in relation to Articles 250 and 251 of section III, Part A of the EC budget for the 1983 financial year (OJ L 19, 24.1.83),
- B. wishing to ensure a rationalisation of the operations of management, advisory and consultative committees, groups of experts and similar bodies,
- C. noting the absence of clarity and transparency in regard to consultation activity of the Commission, terms of reference and methods of operation of the respective committees,
- D. concerned at certain disturbing developments in this sector,
- E. aware of the slowing-down in expenditure during the first half of 1983 which resulted from the reduced frequency of meetings of these committees and changes in arrangements for reimbursement for persons attending such meetings,
- F. having regard to the interim report of its Committee on Budgetary Control, (Doc. 1-446/83),
 - 1. Notes with astonishment that the Commission calculated its estimates for 1983 on the basis of an increase of 31% in the number of consultative organs as compared with 1981 despite the clearly-expressed indications of the European Parliament in the guidelines resolution for the 1983 budget;
 - 2. Observes with concern that its Committee on Budgetary Control has discovered, during its investigations, that the Commission has no effective centralised system for monitoring the activities of those committees;

3. Notes that this situation has led to shortcomings, where consultation activities are to some extent autonomous and no longer fully under the Commission's supervision;
4. Expresses its concern at these gaps in the Commission's management information system in relation to the operations and financing of management, advisory and consultative committees and groups of experts;
5. Reaffirms its intention to secure a rationalization in this sector of activity and expects that the Commission will put in train immediately the necessary effort;
6. Expresses its conviction that such a rationalization is possible without damaging the consultation function which is virtually a traditional routine of the Commission and which has certain positive and beneficial aspects;
7. Believes that strict rules should operate, in relation to these committees and groups of experts, regarding, inter alia, the frequency of meetings, the duration of meetings, the maximum number of members of such committees and the maximum number of members who can be reimbursed, together with criteria governing the regular review of the *raison d'être* of such committees;
8. Will ensure that the final appropriations in the 1984 budget for these budgetary lines will be in line with the desired rationalization;
9. Calls on the Commission to report by 1 February 1984 to Parliament on the operation of these committees in 1983 so as (a) to establish that the procedure of rationalization is under way and (b) to indicate the way in which appropriations were managed during the period of 1983 in which funds were blocked;
10. Declares its agreement with the acceptance of a transfer proposal unblocking the appropriations entered in chapter 100 for Articles 250 and 251 of section III A of the budget;
11. Asks its President to transmit this Motion for a Resolution to the Commission and the Council of the EC.

Explanatory StatementA. Context in which the appropriations were blocked

1. By way of an amendment of the European Parliament part of the appropriations intended for Articles 250 (meetings in general) and 251 (committee meetings) were entered in chapter 100; 2 million ECUs in the case of each article. In the remarks column of the budget, it is stated specifically that these amounts '... will be unblocked in the light of the results of an enquiry which will be conducted on behalf of the European Parliament by the Committee on Budgetary Control, with the assistance of the Court of Auditors and the Commission.'¹

2. The blocking of these appropriations reflected a further stage in a procedure which had extended over several years and which had as its objective the rationalisation of the sector of expenditure related to the management, advisory and consultative committees.

A recent alert was given in the guideline resolution of the European Parliament for the 1983 budget;²

'51. The Treaties accord a primordial role to the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee as representative organs. The Commission should conduct a review of the consultative bodies and management committees it has established over the years with a view to a substantial reduction in the appropriations for such bodies in the 1983 budget. Parliament will take this review into account in determining its appropriations for these activities.'

3. Of course, Parliament's concern regarding these various committees and expert groups does not date back to the most recent budgetary procedure alone. In 1981, the European Parliament also indicated its

¹ OJ L 19, 24.1.1983, p.289

² OJ C 125, 17.5.82, p.127

preoccupation in regard to this sector by entering part of the appropriations into chapter 100. Further, on the occasion of the discharge in respect of the 1979 financial year, Parliament urged a reduction in the influence of consultative committees in the research sector.³

4. Having regard to the inadequacy of the information which is available concerning these committees, the rapporteur first of all drew up a working document which included a questionnaire that put a series of questions on different aspects of the operations of the committees and groups of experts. Following approval in the Committee on Budgetary Control at the meeting of 27/28 January 1983, this questionnaire (see annex 1) was sent to the Commission.

Following this, a letter in the name of the Committee on Budgetary Control was sent by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Aigner, which asked that a working group be set up within the Commission to study the possibilities for reducing the number of these committees, of their meetings, and of their membership.

Replies to the questionnaire were received during the meeting of the Committee on Budgetary Control on 21/22 April. These run to some 1,850 pages. However, it does not appear that action has been taken within the Commission which would make Parliament's wishes in relation to these committees and groups of experts operational.

B. Extent and costs of the consultative activities of the Commission

5. As is evident from the preceding paragraphs, the European Parliament is preoccupied by the consultative activities of the Commission in general. This domain is considerably greater than the appropriations provided under article 250 and 251 would suggest.

In fact - in the research sector, for instance, there exists a whole structure of committees (which are, moreover, the subject of a restructuring proposal) which are not included under article 251; the same is true of the ECSC sector - other budgetary lines also permit the association of certain groups with the process of the elaboration of measures by the Commission:

³ OJ L224, 10.8.81, p.3

- A 256 Cost of preliminary consultation meetings with trade union representatives
- B 642 Community measures to promote the participation of both sides of industry in the economic and social decisions of the Community
- B 6671 Grant to European consumer organisations

Nevertheless, as the budgetary decision consisted of blocking a third of the appropriations for articles 250 and 251, the rapporteur considers it appropriate to concentrate on that part of the consultative activity which is covered by these two articles.

6. Synthesis of the quantitative data furnished by the Commission

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u> <u>estimates</u>	<u>evolution</u> <u>1983/1981</u>
Number of committees	152	159	179	+ 17.8%
Groups of experts:	344	381	471	+ 36.9%
- constituted groups	231	258	310	+ 34.2%
- temporary groups	113	123	161	+ 42.5%
Total number of consultative organs included under articles 250 and 251	496	540	650	+ 31%

7. Other statistics

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u> <u>estimates</u>	<u>evolution</u> <u>1983/1981</u>
Number of meetings per year:				
- committees	1308	1291	1469	+ 12.3
- groups of experts	1221	1268	1616	+ 32.4
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	2529	2559	3085	+ 22.0
Number of days of meetings per year:				
- committees ¹	1168.5	1239.5	1504.5	+ 28.8
- groups of experts	1696.5	1781	2324	+ 37.0
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	2865.0	3020.5	3828.5	+ 33.6
Number of participants:				
- committees ¹	17940	18450	22700	+ 26.5
- groups of experts		not available		

¹ agricultural committees excluded

In annex 2, the rapporteur has set out a breakdown of these bodies by sector.

It is possible to observe that there is a concentration of committees and groups of experts in the following sectors:

- agriculture
- internal market and industrial affairs
- environment, consumer policy, nuclear safety.
- employment, social affairs, education
- statistics office

8. It is very difficult to formulate a clear idea of the full costs which result from the activities of committees and groups of experts, even when use is made of the additional information made available by the Commission. In fact, the Commission provided only information on the cost of meeting rooms and an estimate of the number of staff involved in the meetings, but did not give figures for their precise costs to draw up a more complete table of costs.

9. The first effort made by the European Parliament to bring about the rationalisation in this sector - that of 1981 - did result in a slight slowing-down in the level of activity. However, if we look at the pattern of appropriations for articles 250 and 251 and compare it with the evolution of the total amount of appropriations for the operational sector of the Commission (part A of the Commission budget), there does not appear to have been any budgetary expenditure slow-down.

The rapporteur, after a first examination of the Commission's replies to the questionnaire, considers that this sector is a good case for the application of zero-based budgeting techniques.

C. Usefulness

10. In general, the purpose of the Commission's consultative activity is to secure wider acceptance of its ideas before reaching decisions by associating the representatives of the socio-economic sectors, and the specialists in national administration in the sectors concerned with the procedure of preparing and elaborating various measures.

Parliament does not call into question the usefulness of this objective. However, agreement with the usefulness of the consultative function does not signify that Parliament approves the present form which this function has taken.

Moreover, the Commission should verify, at regular intervals, whether there is a continuing need for each committee, so as to avoid uncontrolled growth.

11. The Committee on Budgetary Control does not consider that it should adopt a position as regards the usefulness of each of these committees and groups of experts. This is a matter which falls within the competence of certain other specialised committees.

Nevertheless, certain developments and situations in the sector, of which section D gives some indications, at least nuance the contention of the Commission that the sector is healthy and well-managed and cannot produce additional economies.

D. Situations and developments causing concern

12. Certain committees seem to require the services of many more members than other committees do. For instance

- Consultative committee on beef and veal 44 members
- Consultative committee on sheepmeat and goatmeat 28 members

- Advisory committee on social question affecting farmers
 and the members of their families 30 members

- Joint committee on social problems of agricultural
 workers 50 members

13. In your rapporteur's first working document, (PE82.546), the consultative committee for honey and the management committee for bananas, for instance, were given as examples of seemingly extravagant committees. In the reply to written question 1553/82 put down by Mr Megahy, which was published recently (OJ C 100 of 13.4.83, p. 11), the Commission confirmed the rapporteur's view. In effect, the Commission has indicated that it does not envisage the creation of such committees which do not appear to be necessary. One could ask how many times have committees been set up, in the past, without sufficient consideration being given to their real necessity.

14. It would appear from the Commission's answers that, as regards committees, only sub-committees have been dissolved; certain committees were incorporated in others. As regards groups of experts, 18 groups were - or will be - dissolved or no longer meet.

But certain of the bodies listed by the Commission as being dissolved appear again in the tables concerning the planned meetings for 1983 !

15. As regards the problem of possible overlapping, the Commission replies that, frequently, the same problem needs to be examined from different aspects. Nevertheless, your rapporteur has the impression that there is a tendency to exaggerate the need for examining questions from various angles. A few examples :

- In the sector Equal opportunities Women/Men

	Meetings planned for 1983
. Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men	3
. Working party on women and tax	1
. Working party on positive action	1
. group of experts on vocational training for women	1
. groups of experts on equality of opportunity:	
. development of the place of women in employment	1
. improvement of and follow-up to the implementation of directives	2
. diversification of choices	1
. banking sector	2
. new action programme on the consultation of unions and employers	2
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(In all, nine forums holding fourteen meetings)

- In the metallurgy sector

groups of experts:

. social problems of new technologies in metallurgy	1
. social problems connected with industrial policy in metallurgy	1

- In the sugar sector

. groups of experts on social problems in the sugar industry	1
. Advisory committee on sugar - joint group	4

16. The cited situations and examples are just given by way of illustration, and are certainly not the exhaustive results of a thorough analysis of the material supplied by the Commission. They indicate that there is room for manoeuvre in the direction of rationalisation in the sector, inter alia along the lines of

- scaling down the existing committees
- carrying through the necessary adaptation in the composition of some bodies to preserve their representativity in a changing world, by reallocation of the seats and not by simply adding new seats
- testing the creation of new committees against an overall priority ranking scheme
- regrouping the activities of bodies discussing subjects that appear to be very closely related. This will lead to economies of scale and save travelling expenses; travelling expenses are the major part, ± 75%, of the costs incurred under the articles 250 and 251.

E. Conclusion of the interim analysis

17. In view of the answers to the rapporteur's questionnaire, and following the exchange of views with senior Commission officials in the committee meetings, it is clear that, up to now, the consultative sector has not been the subject of an effective management control.

18. The contention of the Commission in the justification accompanying Transfer of appropriations nr. 11/83¹, that "The costs for the Community budget and effectiveness of the committees have been shown in the detailed analysis and in the Commission's answer to the Boserup questionnaire, sent to Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control on 20 April 1983" is, to put it mildly, an optimistic overstatement.

19. Nevertheless the Commission has made a first effort : in the same document concerning transfer nr. 11/83, following measures are quoted :

- "the number of experts receiving travel expenses and subsistence allowances from the Commission was limited to two per country ;

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- Member States were asked to tighten up cooperation between their departments so as to coordinate activities in the committees and other groups;
- new rules were laid down for calculating experts' travel expenses and subsistence allowances;
- the Commission undertook to make a systematic attempt to group together those meetings requiring experts of the same category so that several meetings could be held in the course of one visit."

20. In all the prevailing circumstances, however, the Committee on Budgetary Control decided - by 7 votes in favour, with 5 against and 3 abstentions - to recommend the unblocking of the appropriations in chapter 100 for articles 250 and 251. Further, the Committee will consider its final report when the Commission's response to the call at paragraph 9 of the motion for a resolution is available.

Questionnaire sent to the Commission

Committees under the Council and the Commission

1. How many advisory committees and expert groups are currently in existence under the institutions concerned and what kind of committees are they?
2. What is the attributable expenditure involved, in addition to that specified in articles 250 and 251?
3. How many Community employees are working full-time or part-time in preparing, presiding over, or assisting at meetings of the committees?
4. Can the costs involved in these meetings be stated in terms of daily allowances, remuneration and other equivalent categories of expenditure?
5. How often have these committees met in the last two years? Please provide a representative selection of agendas and minutes.
6. How many of these committees have set up their own sub-committees and working parties?
7. Is the Commission able to assess whether the work of the committees is being duplicated?
8. What steps are taken to ensure that the work performed by the Economic and Social Committee is taken account of by the Commission?
9. Would the Commission indicate how the decision-making process, for which it alone is responsible, could be expedited?
10. Could the Commission indicate the procedure for organising committee meetings and for inviting those present? Could certain meetings not be replaced by written or other procedures?

11. Is there central control of the time spent by the committees on different matters?
12. What guidelines exist to ensure that the work of these committees is subject to assessment with a view to their being disbanded when they have served their purpose? Would the Commission advise which committees have been wound up and why over the past three years?
13. Are any of the existing committees deemed to have a limited life? If so, which?
14. Are there common rules of procedure or merely general rules governing procedure at meetings, i.e. attendance, participants in addition to appointed members, possibilities of appointing and disbanding sub-committees and working parties, voting rules etc?
15. How are checks made to ensure correct payment of travelling expenses and daily allowances?
16. To what extent does the Court of Auditors have access to the accounts, agendas and minutes of these committees?
17. When is it intended to bring supplement 2/80 of the EEC Bulletin up-to-date?

ANNEX 2 : Summary by sector of committees and expert groups 1983

SECTORS OF ACTIVITY	COMMITTEES	EXPERT GROUPS	
		CONSTITUTED	TEMPORARY
Customs Union Service	14	6	-
DG I External Relations	8	6	-
DG II Economic and Financial Affairs	2	3	-
DG III Internal Market and Industrial affairs	30	47	27
DG IV Competition	2	4	7
DG V Employment, Social Affairs and Education	12	42	34
DG VI Agriculture	57 ¹	43	18
DG VII Transport	11	7	29
DG VIII Development	2	2	15
DG XI Environment, Consumer Protection and Nuclear Safety	14	41	9
DG XII Science, Research and Development	6 ²	4	-
DG XIII Information Market and Innovation	2	6	1
DG XIV Fisheries	5	2	3
DG XV Financial Institutions and Taxation	2	19	8
DG XVI Regional Policy	3	3	-
DG XVII Energy	5	16	4
DG XIX Budgets	1	-	-
Statistical office	3	56	5
DG IX Personnel and administration	-	-	-
Secretariat-General	-	1	-
Legal Service	-	2	-
Security office	-	-	1
TOTAL	179 ³	310	161

¹ Of which 17 are management committees for the common organisation of markets and 27 are consultative committees.

² Of which 5 are committees within the JRC. It is to be noted that the majority of committees or consultative groups in the research sector do not come under articles 250 and 251.

³ Of which 11 are to be constituted

Source : Commission information note on committees and expert groups,

Annex 1a and 2a in reply to the rapporteur's questionnaire.

Classification of committees according to the reimbursement rights of their participants

Maximum number of experts from each Member State reimbursed per meeting

Chairmanship	Secretariat	Group I		Governmental	Others
		<i>Government and other experts entitled to a refund of travel and subsistence expenses</i>			
E	C		Monetary Committee,	4	-
C	C		Committee of the European Social Fund,	2	4
C	C		Advisory Committee on Free Movement of Workers,	3	6
C	C		Technical Committee on Free Movement,	2	-
E	C		Scientific Committee on Animal Nutrition,	-	15*
E	C		Scientific Committee for Pesticides,	-	15*
E	C		Scientific Veterinary Committee,	-	-
E	C		Advisory Committee on Transport,	2	3
E	C		Scientific and Technical Committee,	-	5
E	C		Scientific and Technical Committee on Fisheries,	-	23*
C	C		European Regional Development Fund Committee,	2	-
E	C		Regional Policy Committee,	2	-
C	C		Committee on Supplementary Measures in favour of the United Kingdom.	2	-
Group II					
<i>Non-government experts entitled to a refund of travel and subsistence expenses</i>					
E	C		Scientific Committee for Foodstuffs,	-	15*
E	C		Advisory Committee on Foodstuffs,	-	30*
C	C		Committee on Commerce and Distribution,	-	44*
Coordinating Committee on Projects promoting Microelectronic Technology, X					
Joint Advisory Committees on Social Problems in respect of :					
E	C		— Road Transport,	-	5
E	C		— Inland Navigation,	-	4
E	C		— the Railways,	-	3
Joint Committees on Social Problems :					
E	C		— in Sea Fishing,	-	5
E	C		— of Agricultural Workers,	-	5
E	C		Joint Committee on Inland Navigation,	-	-
E	C		Joint Committee for the Footwear Industry,	-	2
E	C		Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men,	-	1
Advisory Committee on the Common Organization of the Agricultural Markets in :					
E	C		— Cereals,	-	46*
E	C		— Rice (Special Section of the Advisory Committee on Cereals),	-	22*
E	C		— Pigmeat,	-	44*
E	C		— Poultrymeat,	-	28*
E	C		— Eggs,	-	28*
E	C		— Milk and Milk Products,	-	48*
E	C		— Beef and Veal,	-	44*
E	C		— Fresh and Processed Fruit and Vegetables,	-	42*
E	C		— Wine,	-	42*
— Oils and Fats (two Special Sections) :					
E	C		(a) Olives and Derived Products,	-	18*
E	C		(b) Oil Seeds and Oleaginous Fruit and Derived Products,	-	38*
E	C		— Sugar (and Joint Working Party),	-	46*
E	C		— Live Plants,	-	36*
E	C		— Raw Tobacco (and Joint Working Party),	-	40*

(1) Planned.

(2) Planned committee also listed in the 1982 budget.

E - elected

C - Commission

* The total number of experts reimbursed

Chairmanship	Secretariat	Group II (cont'd)	Maximum number of experts from each Member State reimbursed per meeting	
			Governmental	Others
E	C	— Flax and Hemp (and Joint Working Party),	-	36*
E	C	— Hops (and Joint Working Party),	-	30*
E	C	— Silkworms (Special Section of the Advisory Committee on Flax and Hemp),	-	12*
E	C	— Seeds (and Section: Harmonization of Legislation),	-	38-36*
E	C	— Feedingstuffs (and Section: Approximation of Legislation),	-	36-26*
		— Cotton (Special Section of the Advisory Committee on Flax and Hemp),	-	
E	C	— Sheepmeat and goatmeat,	-	28*
E	C	Advisory Committee on Social Questions Affecting Farmers,	-	30*
E	C	Advisory Committee on Questions of Agricultural Structure Policy,	-	46*
E	C	Advisory Veterinary Committee,	-	38*
E	C	Standing Committee on Zootechnics,	2	-
E	C	Scientific Committee on Cosmetology,	-	15*
E	C	Scientific Advisory Committee to examine the Toxicity and Ecotoxicity of Chemical Compounds,	-	2
E	C	Consumers Consultative Committee,	-	33*
C	C	Committee on the Washington Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ,	2	1
C	C	Advisory Committee on the Control and Reduction of Pollution caused by Hydrocarbons discharged at Sea,	3	-
E	C	Advisory Committee on Industrial Research and Development (Cordi),	-	35*
E	C	European Research and Development Committee (CERD),	-	4
E	C	Advisory Committee on Fishery Products,	-	9
E	C	Advisory Committee on Customs Matters.	-	

Group III

Government experts entitled to a refund of travel expenses only

C	C	Committee on Textiles,	2	-
C	C	Committee on Anti-Dumping,	2	-
C	C	Advisory Committee on Common Rules for Imports,	2	-
C	C	Advisory Committee on Common Rules for Imports from State-trading countries,	3	-
CJ	CJ	Joint Committees with the countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA),	2	-
C	C	Liaison Committee on Steel,	2	-
C	C	Committee on (Unilateral) Import Arrangements in respect of State-trading countries,	2	-
C	C	Joint Committees EEC-Canada, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Brazil, Uruguay, Mexico, member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean),	1	-
E	C	Economic Policy Committee,	4	-
C	C	Pharmaceutical Committee,	15*	-
E	C	Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products,	5	-
C	C	Committees on Adaptation to Technical Progress :		
C	C	— Colouring Matters for Medicinal Products,	3	-
C	C	— Motor Vehicles,	3	-
C	C	— Measuring and Checking Instruments,	30*	-
C	C	— Wheeled Agricultural and Forestry Tractors,	3	-
C	C	— Lifting and Mechanical Handling Appliances,	3	-
C	C	— Aerosol Dispensers.	3	-

⁽¹⁾ Planned.

⁽²⁾ Planned committee also listed in the 1982 budget.

E - elected

C - Commission

CJ - Court of Justice

* The total number of experts reimbursed

Maximum number of experts
from each Member State
reimbursed per meeting

Chairmanship	Secretariat		Governmental	Others
Group III (cont'd)				
C	C	— Pressure Vessels and methods of Inspecting Them,	3	-
C	C	— Fertilizers,	2	-
C	C	— Constructional Plant and Equipment (1) (2),	30*	-
C	C	— Electrical Equipment for Use in an Explosive Atmosphere,	3	-
C	C	— Radio Interference,	3	-
C	C	— Detergents (1) (2),	3	-
C	C	Standing Committee on Foodstuffs,	50*	-
C	C	Committee of Senior Officials on Public Health,	2	-
C	C	Advisory Committee on Public Contracts,	3	-
C	C	EEC Certification Committee (1) (2),		-
C	C	Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products,	3	-
C	C	Contact Committee in Connection with the Fourth 'Company' Law Directive regarding the Annual Accounts of Limited Liability Companies,	2	-
C	C	Contact Committee on the Admission of Securities to Official Stock-Exchange Listing,		-
C	C	Committee on the Application by the Community of the Agreement concerning Technical Barriers to Trade,	3	-
C	C	Advisory Committee on Restrictive Practices and Dominant Positions,	1	-
C	C	Advisory Committee on Restrictive and Dominant Positions in :		-
C	C	— Transport,	2	-
C	C	— Concentrations,		-
C	C	Management Committees, Common Organizations of Agricultural Markets :		-
C	C	— Cereals/Rice,	2	-
C	C	— Pigmeat,	2	-
C	C	— Eggs and Poultrymeat,	2	-
C	C	— Milk and Milk Products,	2	-
C	C	— Fruit and Vegetables,	2	-
C	C	— Wine,	2	-
C	C	— Sugar,	2	-
C	C	— Oils and Fats,	2	-
C	C	— Beef and Veal,	2	-
C	C	— Products Processed from Fruit and Vegetables,	2	-
C	C	— Isoglucose,		-
C	C	— Cotton,		-
C	C	— Live Plants,	2	-
C	C	— Tobacco,	2	-
C	C	— Hops,	2	-
C	C	— Seeds,	2	-
C	C	— Flax and Hemp,	2	-
C	C	— Dehydrated Fodder,	2	-
C	C	— Sheep and Goats,	2	-
C	C	Joint Meeting of Management Committees for Agricultural Products,		-
C	C	Joint Meetings of Management Committees on :		-
C	C	— Agri-Monetary Questions,	2	-
C	C	— Trade Mechanisms,	2	-
C	C	— Conditions of Competition in Agriculture,		-
C	C	Standing Committee on Agricultural Structures,	2	-
C	C	Standing Committee on Agricultural Research,	2	-

(1) Planned.

(2) Planned committee also listed in the 1982 budget.

E- elected

C- Commission

* The total number of experts reimbursed

Chairmanship	Secretariat	Group III (cont'd)	Maximum number of experts from each Member State reimbursed per meeting	
			Governmental	Others
C	C	Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry,	2	-
C	C	Standing Committee for Feedingstuffs,	2	-
C	C	Standing Committee on Plant Health,	2	-
C	C	Standing Forestry Committee (1) (2),	2	-
C	C	Standing Veterinary Committee,	2	-
C	C	Community Committee on the Farm Accountancy Data Network,	20*	-
C	C	European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund Committee (and Working Party on Irregularities),	-	-
C	C	Monitoring Committee for Spirituous Beverages and Aromatized Wines (1),	-	-
C	C	Transport Costs Committee,	-	-
C	C	Committee on a Charging System for the Use of Transport Infrastructures,	-	-
C	C	Committee for the Adjustment of the National Tax Systems relating to Commercial Road Vehicles,	-	-
C	C	Road Haulage Tariff Committee,	2	-
C	C	Advisory Committee on Railway Accounts,	1	1
C	C	Committee for Transport Infrastructure,	-	-
C	C	Advisory Committee on Railway Costing,	2	-
C	C	European Development Fund Committee,	4	-
C	C	Food-Aid Committee,	4	-
C	C	Committee on non-Associated Developing Countries,	4	-
C	C	Article 6 Committee (Maghreb, Mashreq, Malta, Cyprus),	30*	2
C	C	Committees on Adaptation to Technical Progress: — Removal of Technical Barriers to Trade in respect of Dangerous Substances and Preparations;	3	-
C	C	— Conservation of Wild Birds,	2	-
C	C	— Chemical or Microbiological Methods of Analysis,	-	3
E	C	Committee on Cetacean Products,	1	1
E	C	Fast Reactors Coordinating Committee,	2	-
E	C	Scientific and Technical Information and Documentation Committee (CIDST).	2	-
C	C	Management Committee for Fisheries Products,	2	-
C	C	Standing Committee for the Fishing Industry,	2	-
C	C	Management Committee for Fishery Resources (1) (2),	2	-
C	C	Advisory Committee on Value Added Tax,	5	-
E	C	Advisory Committee on the Taking Up and Pursuit of the Business of Credit Institutions (banking sector),	10*	-
C	C	Advisory Committee on the Management of Projects for the Exploitation of Alternative Energy Sources :	2	-
C	C	— Geothermal Energy,	3	3
C	C	— Liquefaction and Gasification of Solid Fuels,	25*	-
C	C	— Solar Energy,	3	3 or 4
C	C	Advisory Committee on the Management of Demonstration Projects in the field of Energy Saving,	1	1
C	C	Committee on Research and Development into Solid Fuels (1),	3	3
C	C	Committee on Coal Combustion (1),	2	-
C	C	Advisory Committee on Own Resources,	5	-
C	C	Advisory Committee on External Trade Statistics (NIMEXE, Methods, Working Parties),	18*	-
C	C	Standing Committee on Agricultural Statistics,	2	-
C	C	Committee on Common Customs Tariff Nomenclature,	2	-
C	C	Community Transit Committee,	2	-
C	C	Committee for Customs Processing Arrangements,	2	-
C	C	Customs Valuation Committee,	2	-
C	C	Committee on Duty-Free Arrangements,	2	-
C	C	Committee on Origin,	2	-
C	C	Committee on Recovery of Claims,	2	-
C	C	Committee on General Customs Regulations,	2	-
C	C	Management Committee on energy strategy	2 or 3	-

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reimbursed per meeting

Chairmanship	Secretariat		Maximum number of experts from each Member State reimbursed per meeting	
			Governmental	Others
Group III (cont'd)				
C	C	Customs Cooperation Committees : EEC-Turkey/EEC-Greece/EEC-Spain/EEC-Israel/EEC-Morocco/EEC-Tunisia/EEC-Malta/EEC-Cyprus/EEC-Austria/EEC-Portugal/EEC-Sweden/EEC-Switzerland/EEC-Iceland/EEC-Finland/EEC-Norway/EEC-Lebanon/EEC-Egypt/EEC-Algeria/EEC-Syria/EEC-Jordan/EEC-ACP.	2	-
C	CT	Committee on Outward Processing of Textile Products (1),	2	-
C	C	Committee on Arrangements for the Temporary Movement of Goods (1),	2	-
C	C	Committee on the Free Movement of Goods (1).	2	-
Group IV				
<i>Government experts and others, the former being entitled to a refund of travel expenses only and the latter to a refund of both travel and subsistence expenses</i>				
E	C	Scientific and Technical Research Committee (Crest): subcommittees and working parties : Training in Data Processing, Statistics, Medical Research, Energy, Raw Materials, Developing Countries, Research and Development in Data Processing, Advisory Committees on the Training of : Environment	18*	-
			-	2
			4	3 - 5
			3	-
E	C	— Doctors,	3	-
E	C	— Dental Practitioners,	2	6
E	C	— Veterinary Surgeons,	2	6
E	C	— Nurses,	2	6
E	C	— Midwives,	2	6
C	C	Advisory Committee for Vocational Training.	-	6
C	C	Committee on Adaptation to Technological Progress : Tachographs,	20	or 15 or 5
C	C	Advisory Committee on Granting of Aids for Transport by Rail, Road and Inland Waterway,	1	-
		Technical Committee on Navigability Licences for Inland Waterway Vessels (1) (2),		
		Technical Committee on the Periodic Inspection of Motor Vehicles (1) (2),		
C	C	Committees on Adaptation to Technical Progress :		
C	C	— Methods of Analysis in the Textiles Sector,	20*	2
		— Cosmetics,	30*	-
C	C	— Quality of Fresh Waters Suitable to Support Fish Life,	2	-
		— Quality of water intended for human consumption,		
		— Toy Safety,		
		— Air Quality Limit Values and Guide Values for Sulphur Dioxide and Suspended Particulates,		
C	C	Waste Management Committee,	2	-
C	C	Advisory Committee on the Pilot Scheme concerning a Community Information System on Accidents Involving Products,	2	2
		Impact Management Committee,		
		Committee for Scientific and Technical Information and Documentation (CIDST):		
E	C	Working Parties,	1	1
E	C	CCMGP EUROTRA	1	2

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