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on ~~Section I~~ Section I - PARLIAMENT - of the draft general
budget of the European Communities for the financial
year 1983

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C O R R I G E N D U M

to the report by Mr H. SABY

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Page 7, paragraph 8 of the motion for a resolution

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- 2 A 7 to A 6

- 1 A 5 to A 4

- 1 B 3 to B 2

(Secretariat of the Socialist Group).

- 2 A 6 to A 5 (Secretariat of the Group of the European People's Party).

- 1 A 5 to A 4

- 1 B 2 to B 1

(Secretariat of the Liberal Group).

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27.10.1982

PE 81.019/fin./Corr. II

On 27 January 1982, the Committee on Budgets appointed Mr Saby rapporteur for Section I - PARLIAMENT of the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1983.

At its meeting of 20 October 1982, the Committee on Budgets considered and adopted the attached draft amendments.

At the same meeting it adopted the following motion for a resolution by 27 votes to 3.

Present: Mr Lange (chairman); Mrs Barbarella (2nd vice-chairman); Mr Saby (rapporteur); Mr Abens, Mr Adam (deputizing for Mrs Nikolaou); Mr Adonning; Mr Aigner (deputizing for Mr Notenboom); Mr Arndt; Mr Baillet; Mr Balfe; Mr Balfour; Mr Barbagli, Mr Bonde; Mrs Boserup; Mr Croux; Lord Duoro; Mr Gouthier; Mr Jackson; Mr Langes; Mr Lega; Mr Louwes; Mr Megahy (deputizing for Mr Orlandi); Mr Mouchel (deputizing for Mr Ansquer); Mr Paulhan (deputizing for Mr Couste); Mr Pfennig; Mr Price, Mr Photopapadakis; Mr Ryan; Mr Schön; Mrs Scrivener; Mr Simonnet; Mr Simpson (deputizing for Mr Kellett-Bowman); Mrs Van Hemeldonck (deputizing for Mr Lalumiere).

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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on Section I - Parliament - of the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1983

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Section I of the draft budget for the financial year 1983 established by the Council (estimates of revenue and expenditure of Parliament) (Doc. 1-700/82);
- having regard to its resolution on the adoption of its estimates on 13 May 1982¹;
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-778/82);
- having regard to the decisions of the Bureau of 12 October 1982;

Entry of an amount under revenue

in the 1983 budget for Members' retirement pensions

1. Stresses that the retention in Chapter 91 of revenue relating to the (voluntary) contribution by Members to a pension scheme is a transitional measure the need for which is highlighted by the fact that three years after the elections no decision on the necessary regulations has yet been taken.
2. Decides, therefore, to enter revenue of 150,000 ECU in this chapter.

Payment of staff salaries in ECUs

3. Confirms the position adopted in its resolution of 13 May 1982 favouring the payment of staff salaries in ECUs it being understood that it will not lead to an increase in expenditure and will be implemented on the basis of an interinstitutional agreement.

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OJ No. C 149, 14.6.1982, p.70

Special procedures for career progression

4. Agrees that better provision should be made for career advancement for staff of unquestionable competence and merit, where appropriate, after a review of the Staff Regulations by allowing greater facility of movement from one category to another. Confirms, for the time being, that the only special procedure for advancement is promotion 'ad personam', decided on in the circumstances and according to the criteria laid down by its Bureau.

Need for Parliament to assume fully its role

as the authority responsible for authorizing and paying
appropriations necessary for the payment
of the services of freelance interpreters

5. Believes that it is essential to change the practice in force over the last few years and to assume fully the responsibility of authorizing and paying authority as well as its responsibilities of administering the activities of the freelance interpreters who are normally employed by Parliament.
6. Decides therefore to begin study on ways of settling these matters.

Allowances relating to the activities
of Members in the exercise of their duties

7. Believes, having regard to the decisions of the Bureau of 19 October 1982, that there is a need for a new and amended nomenclature and that certain appropriations relating to the activities of Members of Parliament in the exercise of their duties should be moved as a result; decides to draw up amendments to this effect.

Changes to the establishment plan

following the decisions of the Bureau of 12.10.82

8. Decides to change the establishment plan of its Secretariat:

Permanent posts

- . Converts the following temporary posts to permanent posts:
 - 2 A 3 (heads of division in committees),
 - 4 A 7-6 (language teachers).

- . Converts the following the following permanent posts:
 - 1 B 4 to B 3-2 (establishment plan of the Staff Committee),
 - 2 D 3-2 to C 5-4 (harmonization within the Secretariat of the level of certain duties).

Temporary posts in the secretariats of the political groups

- . Converts the following posts:
 - 2 A 7 to A 6
 - 1 A 5 to A 4
 - 1 B 3 to B 2
(Secretariat of the Socialist Group).

 - 1 A 5 to A 4
 - 1 B 2 to B 1
(Secretariat of the Liberal Group).

EXPLANATORY STATEMENTI - INTRODUCTION

1. In adopting on 13 May 1982 the resolution on the draft estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 1983, Parliament indicated its intention 'to make any necessary adjustments to its estimates during the first reading of the general budget of the Communities in order, in particular, to optimize the use of its financial resources and to use to the full modern methods and the most advanced management techniques to rationalize the experiments carried out in this area to date and make them more coherent' (paragraph 17 of the resolution).
2. The following changes are much less ambitious since Parliament's competent authorities have not yet finally decided on the use of new management methods and techniques and because this subject is still under consideration as it is linked with the more rational organization of the departments of the Secretariat.
3. However, in view of the budgetary provisions in the Treaty which oblige Parliament, like the other institutions, to submit any adjustments to their estimates on the first reading of the draft general budget before Parliament, the following proposals should now be put to the Assembly. They are derived from the decisions taken by the Bureau at its meeting of 12 October 1982 and by the Committee on Budgets at its meetings of 29 and 30 September 1982 and 18 and 20 October 1982.

II - ADJUSTMENTS OF A GENERAL NATUREInclusion of an amount of revenue in the 1983 budget for retirement pensions for members

4. The Committee on Budgets, at its meeting of 29 and 30 September 1982, confirmed the position already adopted by Parliament on the

inclusion in the budget of an amount under revenue in chapter 91 for the '(voluntary) contribution by members of the European Parliament to a retirement pensions scheme'. This decision was also in some measure a response to the reminder by the Council in its explanatory statement that 'the decision on the establishment of a pension scheme should be taken on an appropriate basis, which, in the Council's opinion, would be Article 13 of the Act concerning the election of the representatives of the Assembly by direct universal suffrage'.

The Committee on Budgets confirmed that the retention of this chapter under revenue was a transitional measure the need for which was highlighted by the fact that three years after the elections no decision had yet been taken on the necessary regulations.

The Bureau, at its meeting of 12 October 1982, in adopting a proposal of the College of Quaestors, felt that this chapter should be allocated an amount of 150,000 ECU in revenue.

The rapporteur supports this decision.

Payment of staff salaries in ECUs

5. The Committee on Budgets made this statement on the matter:

'As regards payment of staff salaries in ECUs, it was pointed out that this measure should not, if applied, lead to additional expenditure. The Committee on Budgets therefore maintains its favourable view on the subject of payment of staff salaries in ECUs, expressed by Parliament in its resolution adopted on 13 May 1982 on Parliament's estimates for 1983'.

The Bureau, following the line of Parliament's decisions in its resolution of 13 May 1982, confirmed that the payment of these salaries in ECUs was desirable provided it did not lead to an increase in expenditure and provided it was implemented as a result of an interinstitutional agreement.

Special procedures for career progression

6. At its meeting of 29 and 30 September 1982 , the Committee on Budgets stressed that :

'As regards career advancement for staff of undoubted competence and merit, the principles set out in the document drawn up by the rapporteur can be respected provided they are preceded by a change in the Staff Regulations to this effect. For the time being, the only special procedure for promotion remains promotion 'ad personam'.

The Bureau took the view that the only valid method of providing a special procedure for career advancement remained the use of promotion 'ad personam' according to the criteria laid down by the Bureau itself a number of years ago.

The Bureau was therefore unable at the present time to support the proposal to provide for promotion from one category to another for a small number of available posts (5 to 8% of the posts for each financial year).

It was made clear in the Bureau that passage from one category to another remained only possible, according to the letter and spirit of the Staff Regulations, through a change of duties. Furthermore, access to a higher category must be by competition.

It was noted, at this Bureau meeting of 12 October 1982 that it may be desirable, with the aim of optimizing staff functions, to consider studying the principles of equivalence of careers.

These principles could be assessed in particular within joint committees in the institution or, where appropriate, in liaison with the responsible authorities in other institutions.

Need for Parliament to assume fully its role as the authority responsible for authorizing and paying appropriations necessary for the payment of the services of freelance interpreters

7. The rapporteur has taken the view that the services of freelance interpreters in Parliament should match the specific nature of the work of our institution and that consequently for practical reasons and reasons of principle it is essential for Parliament to change the system practised in recent years and to assume fully the responsibility of authorizing and paying authority and its responsibilities of administering the activities of the freelance interpreters who are normally employed by Parliament.

The rapporteur also stated that a decision to this effect should be accompanied by a decision to allow interpreters to benefit from the tax arrangements provided in the special provisions in the Staff Regulations (Art. 78 of the conditions of employment of other servants).

The Bureau has decided to deal with this problem in good time to allow a suitable solution to be found before the present administrative arrangements for these interpreters expire.

III - CHANGES TO THE ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Conversion of two temporary A 3 posts to permanent posts

8. The Committee on Budgets supported the conversion of two temporary A 3 posts to permanent posts for the positions of head of division in two parliamentary committees.

The Bureau adopted the proposal of the Committee on Budgets.

Conversion of four temporary A 7-6 posts, for language teachers,
to permanent posts

9. The Bureau, in agreement with the rapporteur's proposal, decided that 'the four temporary posts at present filled by language teachers should now be converted. This conversion is particularly justified since the staff members in question have been doing this work for several years and there can be no doubt that these duties have now acquired a permanent nature'.

Conversion of four temporary posts in the secretariat of the
Socialist Group

10. The rapporteur endorses the proposed amendment tabled in June to convert :

- . 2 A 7 to A 6
- . 1 A 5 to A 4
- . 1 B 3 to B 2

in the secretariat of the Socialist Group.

The Bureau, after noting that this conversion was now compatible with the provisions of the Staff Regulations since it concerned posts in the same category, adopted the rapporteur's proposal.

Conversion of 2 temporary posts in the secretariat of the
Liberal Group

11. The same decision was taken in respect of the conversion of one A 5 post to A 4 and one B 2 post to B 1 in the secretariat in the Liberal Group.
12. It should be stressed that these proposals are in addition to the 27 conversions voted by Parliament in May for the secretariats of the other groups to provide proper career development for those concerned.

Harmonization of the classification of the duties of barmen

13. The Bureau supported a proposal from the rapporteur to convert two D 3-2 to C 5-4 to classify the duties of barmen in the Secretariat in Luxembourg at the same level as in Brussels.

Establishment plan of the Staff Committee

14. In view of the level of responsibility and the increase of work of the Staff Committee, it was decided to convert one B 4 post to B 3-2 in the secretariat of the Staff Committee.

Decisions of the Bureau of 19.10.82

15. The Committee on Budgets felt that it should support the decisions of the Bureau of 19 October 1982 changing the heading of Item 1005 and creating a new Item 1006 to make a clearer distinction in the allowances granted to Members for the exercise of their duties. This decision entails moving, without increasing them, certain amounts in the estimates adopted on 14 June 1982.

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Need for extra appropriations

16. It was noted at the Bureau meeting of 12 October that the appropriations for certain items in the estimates would probably prove inadequate.

So as not to increase the overall volume of appropriations in the estimates, it was proposed that any shortfall should be covered by transfers using savings achieved on other items.

17. The position adopted by the Committee on Budgets on the various amendments is set out in the table below. The oral request for the conversion of one C 1 post to B 3-2 in the secretariat of the EPP Group appears to conflict with the resolution adopted by Parliament on 13 May 1982 which stresses that the conversion of a post from one category to another is incompatible with the Staff Regulations.

POSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS ON THE 1982 ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

At its meeting of 20 October 1982, the Committee on Budgets took the following decisions:

DA/PM no	Heading	Author	Subject	Payment appropriations	POSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS		Result of vote and remarks
					Decision or opinion		
					Pos.	Neg.	
<u>ESTABLISHMENT PLAN</u> 81.019/1	List of posts	Mr SABY	Conversion of 6 temporary posts to permanent posts Conversion of 3 permanent posts Temporary posts political groups	-	X		(20, 5, 0)
DA 34	"	Mrs HOFF and others	Conversion of 4 temporary posts to permanent posts	-			Covered by previous vote
DA 263	"	Liberal Group	Political groups - 1 C 1 to B 3	-			Not considered as proposal conflicts with Staff Regulations
DA 463	"	Mr SABY	1 C 1 to B 3 2 ad personam	-	X		(21, 0, 3)
<u>TITLE I</u>							
DA 243	Item 1004	Mr FORTH and others	Expenses attendance at meetings	- 950,000		X	(2, 23, 0)
	"	Mr NEWTON-DUNN and others	" " " modification to remarks				The committee felt that this amendment could not be put to the vote
DA 244	Item 1005	Mr FORTH and others	Activities among the electorate	- 185,330			Covered by previous vote
	Item 1005	BUREAU/ Mr SABY		- 2,149,638	X		Transferred to a new Item 1006. Modification to remarks (30, 2, 0)
	Item 1006 new	BUREAU/ Mr SABY	Activities of members other than those under Item 1005	+ 8,217,474			2,149,638 compensation from Item 1005 and 6,067,836 compensation from Article 106

DA/PM no	Heading	Author	Subject	Payment appropriations	POSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS		
					Decision or opinion		Result of vote and remarks
					Pos.	Neg.	
DA 245	Article 106	Mr FORTH and others	Members' secretarial allowances	- 1.62 m ECU		X	(2, 23, 0)
DA 246	Item 1141	Mr FORTH and others	Annual leave travel expenses	- 429,500		X	(3, 26, 1)
DA 446	Item 1221	Mr SCHÖN (EPP)	Installation allowances	- 318,400		X	(13, 13, 3)
DA 247	Article 140	Mr FORTH and others	Restaurants and canteens	- 200,000		X	(2, 23, 1)
TITLE II							
DA 248	Item 2253	Mr FORTH and others	Subscriptions to news agencies	- 120,000		X	(3, 25, 0)
DA 111	Article 230	Mr PRICE (Budg.Cont. Com.)	Stationery and office supplies	- 300,000	X		(15, 9, 2)
DA 249	Item 2310	Mr FORTH and others	Postage on correspondence	- 171,200		X	(2, 26, 0)
DA 250	Item 2311	"	Telephone	- 334,000		X	(3, 20, 0)
DA 287	Item 2320	Mr PANELLA and others	Bank charges	- 10,000		X	(1, 22, 1)
DA 251	Article 270	Mr FORTH and others	Official Journal	- 661,700		X	(0, 23, 3)
DA 254	Item 2710	"	Publications	- 592,000		X	(2, 24, 0)
DA 252	Item 2719	"	Expenditure on publicity	- 1 m ECU		X	(2, 24, 0)
DA 253	Item 2720	"	Expenditure on information and public events	- 100,000		X	(2, 22, 1)
	Item 2990	Mr PFENNIG and others	Group visits	+ 150,000	X		(25, 2, 0)

DA/PM no	Heading	Author	Subject	Payment appropriations	POSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS		Result of vote and remarks
					Decision or opinion		
					Pos.	Neg.	
TITLE III							
DA 96	Item 3700	Mr ENRIGHT (Com.Develop.)	ACP/EEC parliamentary institutions (Lomé)	+ 50,000	X		(16, 2, 4)
DA 255	Item 3705	Mr FORTH and others	Secretariat political groups	- 364,000		X	(2, 23, 2)
DA 256	Item 3706	"	Other political activities	- 179,680		X	(3, 23, 0)
DA 257	Item 3708	"	Contribution next elections	- 7 m ECU		X	(3, 25, 0)
DA 288	Item 3708	Mr PANELLA and others	" " "	- 7 m ECU			Covered by previous vote
REVENUE							
DA 286	Article 520	Mr PANELLA and others	Revenue from investments	+ 1 m ECU		X	(1, 17, 10)
81.019/2	Chap. 91	Mr SÁBY	Voluntary contribution by Members to the retirement pension scheme	+ 150,000	X		Compensated (29, 0, 0)

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DRAFT
GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1983

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 478..

tabled by Mr SBY, rapporteur, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets following the Bureau decisions of 12 October 1982 relating to the establishment plan of Parliament.

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

LIST OF POSTS

Change the list of posts in the Secretariat of Parliament as follows:

• Permanent posts

Convert the following temporary posts into permanent posts:

- 2 A3 (heads of division in the committees)
- 4 A 7-6 (language instructors)

Convert the following permanent posts:

- 1 B4 to B3-2 (Staff Committee)
- 2 D3-2 to C5-4 (harmonization of the level of certain functions in the secretariat)

• Temporary posts in the political groups secretariat

Convert the following posts:

- 2 A7 to A6
- 1 A5 to A4
- 1 B3 to B2
(Socialist Group secretariat)
- 1 A5 to A4
- 1 B2 to B1
(Liberal Group secretariat)

PAYMENTS

- A - Expenditure
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- B - Compensation
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- C - Revenue

Justification

On 12.10.1982 the Bureau decided to make the above changes to the establishment plan having regard also to the decisions taken by the Committee on Budgets on 29.9.1982.

The changes are justified in the explanatory statement submitted by the rapporteur, Mr Saby, on changes to Section I - Parliament of the draft general budget of the European Communities.

In this connection it should be noted that the 2 conversions of D 3-2 posts to C 5-4 do not infringe the rule prohibiting automatic progression from one category to another and have been decided in order to classify on the same level functions identical to those already being carried out at level C 5-4 in the secretariat of the institution.

The budgetary repercussions of these decisions are negligible since, in the case of the conversion of temporary posts into permanent posts, the expenditure is not totally new but is covered by expenditure already disbursed under a different title.

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GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1983

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 479

tabled by Mr Saby, rapporteur, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets following the decisions taken by the Bureau on 18 October 1982

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

Item 1005: Activities for the electorate and special travel expenses in the exercise of the parliamentary mandate

Change the heading of this item to read as follows:

Item 1005: Special travel expenses in the exercise of the parliamentary mandate (delete the words 'activities for the electorate')

PAYMENT

A - Expenditure

Reduce the appropriations against this item by 2,149,638 ECU (from 2,760,330 to 610,692 ECU)

B - Compensation

Enter the reduced amount of 2,149,638 ECU for this item in the new Item 1006

C - Revenue

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REMARKS

A maximum annual amount of 2,500 ECU must be made available for travel between the Member States outside the normal meeting places within the Community to enable the 434 Members to discharge their duties. Missions (travel) to Spain and Portugal, which are applicant countries, may be covered by these appropriations subject to agreement from the President.

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Justification

- (a) The initial amount of 2,760,330 is reduced to 610,692 ECU. The difference of 2,149,638 ECU covering the allowance for activities directed at the electorate will now be entered under the monthly secretarial allowance for Members (at present under Article 106), thus creating a new allowance entitled 'Allowance to cover expenditure resulting from activities of Members in their capacity as Members of the European Parliament other than activities covered by Item 1005'.
- (b) The initial figure of 2,500 ECU per Member per year must be reinstated instead of the amount of 1,250 ECU per Member per year.

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GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
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DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 480.

tabled by Mr SABY, rapporteur, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets following the decision taken by the Bureau on 18 October 1982

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

Item 1006: Allowance to cover expenditure resulting from the activities of Members in their capacity as Members of the European Parliament other than activities covered by Item 1005

PAYMENT

A - Expenditure

Enter an appropriation of 8,217,474 ECU

B - Compensation

These appropriations are to be covered by 2,149,638 ECU taken from Item 1005 and 6,067,836 ECU from Article 106

C - Revenue

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REMARKS

Enter the following remarks:

This allowance replaces the allowance previously entered for activities directed at the electorate (part of Item 1005) and the allowance intended to cover secretarial costs and general costs (part of Article 106)

Justification

The Bureau felt that the creation of this allowance would ensure greater flexibility in the use of the allowances granted to Members which, up to now, had to be detailed under the two separate headings of travel expenses and secretarial expenses.

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GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
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DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 481.

tabled by Mr SABY, rapporteur on behalf of the Committee on Budgets following the Bureau decisions of 18 October 1982 on the statement of revenue of Parliament

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

STATEMENT OF REVENUE

Chapter 91: (Voluntary) contribution by Members to a retirement pension scheme

A - Revenue

Enter an appropriation of 150,000 ECU

B - Compensation

Reduce the contribution from the Communities to the financing of Parliament's expenditure accordingly

C - Expenditure

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REMARKS

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Justification

On 29 September 1982 the Committee on Budgets confirmed the position already adopted by the European Parliament on the opening in the revenue section of the budget of a Chapter 91 covering the (voluntary) contribution by Members of Parliament to a retirement pension scheme.

The Committee on Budgets confirmed that the maintenance of this chapter on the revenue side was a transitional measure rendered all the more necessary by the fact that, 3 years after direct elections, no decision had been taken by the responsible bodies.

