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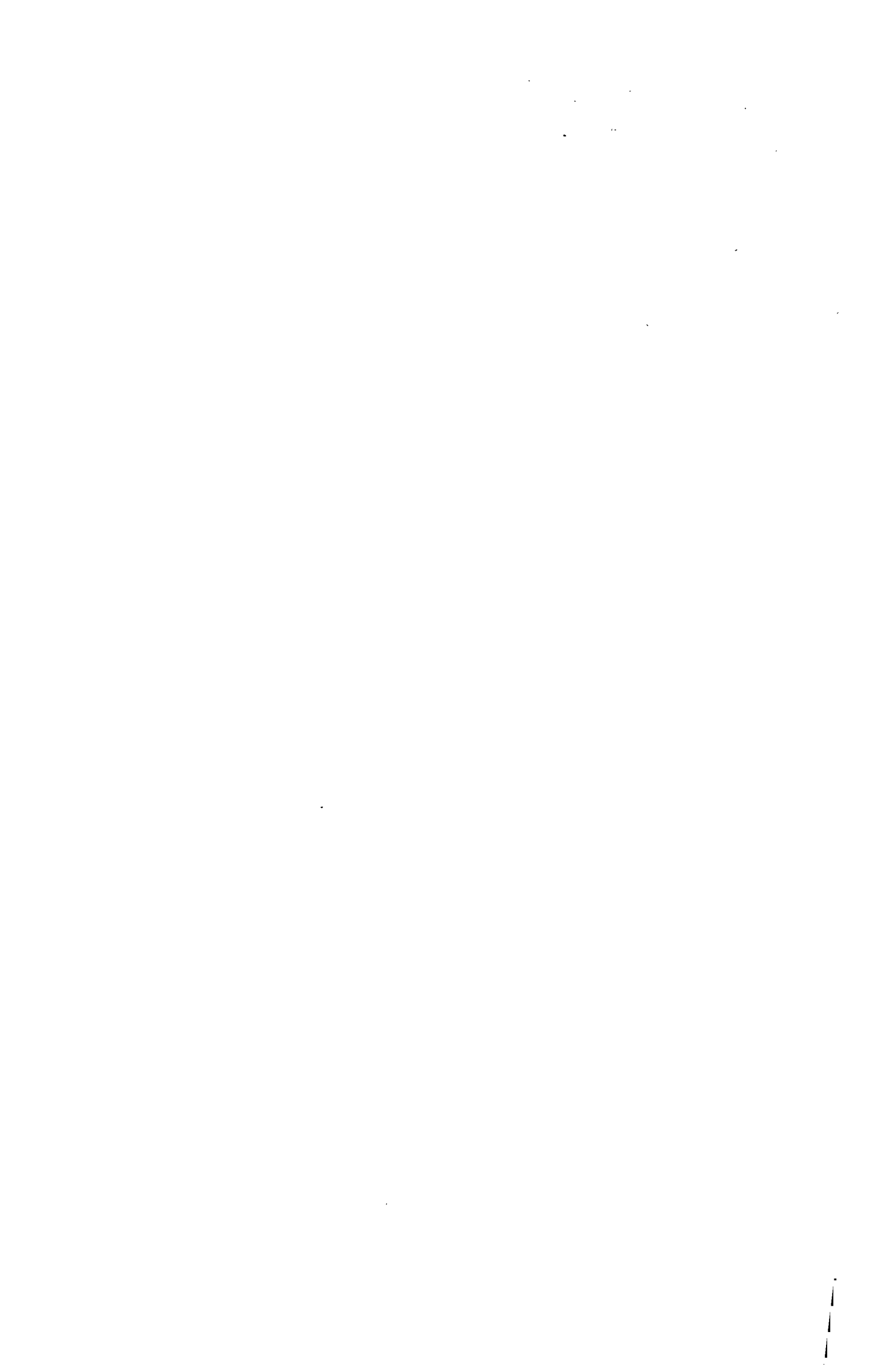
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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on ~~Section~~ Section IV - Court of Justice - of the
draft general budget of the European Communities
for the financial year 1981

Rapporteur: Mr V. ANSQUER



On 28 April 1980 the Committee on Budgets appointed Mr ANSQUER rapporteur on Section IV (Court of Justice) of the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1981.

At its meeting of 29 October 1980 the Committee on Budgets examined the draft resolution drawn up by the rapporteur and approved it by 20 votes to 2.

The amendments adopted by the Committee on Budgets at the same meeting are annexed to this report.

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Spinelli, second vice-chairman; Mr Ansquer, rapporteur; Mr Adonnino, Mr Arndt, Mr Balfe, Mr Battersby (deputizing for Mr Newton Dunn), Mr Brok (deputizing for Mr Ryan), Mr Colla, Mr Doublet (deputizing for Mr Flanagan), Mr Forth, Mr Gouthier, Mrs Hoff, Mr Howell, Mr R. Jackson, Mr Jalton, Mr Lega, Mr Megahy (deputizing for Mr Motchane), Mr O'Leary, Mr Pfennig, Mrs Pruvot (deputizing for Mr Rossi) Mr Konrad Schön, Mr Seeler (deputizing for Mr Orlandi), Mrs Scrivener, Mr J.M. Taylor, Mr Tuckman, Mr von der Vring (deputizing for Mr Dankert).

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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 IV - Court of Justice - of the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1981

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft general budget for the 1981 financial year drawn up by the Council (Section IV - Court of Justice) and the explanatory memorandum (Doc. 1-465/80),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-543/80),
- (a) Whereas it was not possible to include in the 1980 budget all the posts sought by the Court of Justice despite general agreement that an extension of its establishment plan was necessary,
- (b) Whereas the enlargement of the Community poses an immediate problem for the Court, as for the European Parliament, in as much as both institutions must be able to function immediately in all Community working languages,
- (c) Whereas the Council has made major reductions in the number of posts requested without replying to any of the specific justifications for posts made by the Court of Justice,
1. Underlines the increasingly important role played by the Court of Justice in the affairs of the Community, and the growing complexity of the issues submitted to the Court;
 2. Notes with satisfaction that the Court has complied with Parliament's wish in supplying full and exhaustive information on the posts requested to both arms of the budgetary authority simultaneously;

3. Proposes therefore the creation of 19 extra permanent posts necessary to strengthen the administrative structure of the Court and to meet the growing burdens facing it;
4. Proposes the regrading of a limited number of posts in order to align the career development of Court of Justice officials with the practice in other institutions;
5. Decides to increase expenditure to cover the costs associated with the new annex to be built on the site of the Court of Justice; further increases expenditure to enable the Court to meet its obligations to publish the Reports of cases appearing before it;
6. Approves, with these exceptions, the overall level of appropriations determined by Council in its draft budget which is consistent with a need to keep a firm grip on administrative expenditure;

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7. Recalls its approval, subject to amendment, of the Commission's proposal to set up an administrative tribunal which would considerably reduce the workload of the Court of Justice, thus giving it more time to concentrate on the legal problems arising from other areas of Community activity;
8. Deplores the fact that no progress appears to have been made on this proposal and invites the Commission to report to it on the reasons for delay.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENTIntroduction

1. The European Court of Justice plays an essential role in the framework of the Community institutions: its autonomy and the judicial powers that it wields give to the European Community a very different character from that of other international or supranational organisations. Therefore its smooth functioning is indispensable.
2. It is a court of justice. It must therefore guard its independence fiercely. This requires, in your rapporteur's view, that its budgetary and staff requests should be treated with the utmost care by the budgetary authority which must take very seriously any requests for extra staff or appropriations emanating from the Court.
3. In this context your rapporteur would point to the improvements in practice since the 1980 budgetary procedure. This year the Court of Justice submitted simultaneously full information to both arms of the budgetary authority: a detailed explanatory memorandum on the Court's estimates and a breakdown, post by post, of all new posts sought - accompanied by a job description for each post. The Court of Justice has kept your rapporteur fully informed of all developments relating to the Court's budget during the course of the procedure. Furthermore, he has obtained further details in the course of personal contacts with the Registrar of the Court and his staff.
4. It must be recalled that, as with the European Parliament, the Court is obliged to work integrally in all Community languages: the judgments and proceedings of the Court being uniformly applicable throughout the Community. They must be immediately comprehensible to all citizens of the Community in their own languages. For this reason the linguistic component of the Court's budget is bound to be an important one. As with the European Parliament this component now accounts for approximately 50% of the establishment plan of approximately 400 posts (including translators, interpreters, secretaries, etc).

The extension of the Court's activities

5. As Annex I to this report shows, the activities of the Court have been maintained at the high level noticeable since the middle of the 1970s - in terms of the number of cases and judgments handed down. The figures do not demonstrate adequately, however, the increasing complexity of the Court's work. More and more of the judgments require an economic analysis: it is by no means infrequent for the conclusions of the Advocates-General to extend to more than 100 pages. This qualitative consideration cannot be measured easily. However, anyone familiar with the more prominent cases recently appearing before the Court will understand that the complexity of the Court's work now has major consequences for its functioning.

6. Unfortunately, the Community institutions have not reacted quickly enough to the changing circumstances in which the Court operates. Proposals to increase the number of Judges (from 9 (10) to 12, and the number of Advocates-General from 4 to 6) have run into difficulties within Council - difficulties which do not seem to relate to an alternative assessment of the Court's functional needs. At the moment it is clear that the burden, particularly on the Advocates-General, is such that the limits of human capacity have been attained. This in turn has had its effect on the average length of examination of cases and appeals. The swiftness of justice is extremely important. Were these delays to become permanent, the Court's standing would inevitably suffer.

7. An attempt to filter the massive number of administrative appeals from Community officials, by the setting up of an administrative tribunal, originally suggested by the Community's Justice Ministers in 1974 and supported by the European Parliament in its report in 1979¹, have again run into difficulties in Council. A counter proposal for an internal conciliation committee has been put forward by one Member State. Parliament should be fully informed by the Commission as to the fate of its original proposal, its reactions to the new proposal from one Member State and how it intends to deal with the current impasse. Your rapporteur remains convinced that the most appropriate means of reducing the number of purely administrative cases reaching the Court is to proceed with the creation of the administrative tribunal which would thus align Community practice with the practice in our Member States. He will endeavour to encourage more active Parliamentary involvement on this issue so that a decision is reached within the next few months.

¹ Report by Mr Cointat, Doc. 37/79

The estimates of the Court of Justice

8. For many years the establishment plan of the Court of Justice remained static. Its establishment plan, until the first enlargement of the Community, accounted for less than 100 posts. Since 1973, and for the reasons referred to above, a more substantial establishment plan has emerged to take account of the linguistic obligations of the Court and the rapid growth in its workload from 1973 to 1980.

9. In its estimates for 1981 the Court introduced a further extension in the number of posts to cover three elements:

- (i) the accession of Greece;
- (ii) the presentation of those budgetary posts which were not accepted during the course of the 1980 budgetary procedure;
- (iii) certain new proposals to cover extra needs, particularly in the field of documentation.

10. Of the 122 posts proposed by the Court, 33 were proposals that had not been accepted by the budgetary authority last year, although the general need to strengthen certain administrative structures had been accepted by both Council and Parliament. It will be recalled that Parliament tabled certain amendments during the course of the 1980 budgetary procedure but in the special circumstances relating to the final adoption of the 1980 budget in July 1980 it was not felt possible to complete the strengthening of the Court's establishment plan. However, both Council and Parliament, by their decisions last year, have effectively committed themselves to looking favourably on these reintroduced requests.

11. Of the remaining 89 posts sought, some 39 can be accounted for by the reserving of posts for new Greek officials: a proportion roughly comparable to that in all the institutions.

12. For the requests introduced for the first time (some 50 items) the main priorities were the strengthening of the registry, the information facilities, the library and documentation directorate, the administration and finance divisions and the linguistic sector. Annex II to this document shows a breakdown of these posts between grades.

13. Finally the Court sought to regrade some 21 posts to take account of the need for a more harmonious career development for some of its officials. Certainly the career prospects of an official entering the Court's service cannot be considered favourable compared with the prospects of a Parliamentary official. Furthermore, the Court recruits frequently in the bottom grades of the different categories (e.g C 5 and B 5): these grades scarcely exist in the European Parliament. Therefore, the proposed regrading of posts would bring the Court more into line with practice in Parliament.

Council's decisions on the establishment plan of the Court

14. Council accorded the Court a total of 48¹ new posts instead of the 122 originally requested. Of the 48, 30 have been allocated for Greek staff and 18 for the strengthening of the Court's services (instead of the 74 proposed by the Court). The figure accorded by Council is less than the number of requests not satisfied from the 1980 budgetary procedure.

The breakdown of the posts agreed to is shown in Annex II to the present report.

The Council rejected all the regradings proposed, including regradings to which it had agreed in principle during the 1980 procedure.

15. What is particularly disappointing in the Council's draft of 23 September 1980 is the paucity of explanation and the inadequate information supplied. For example, nowhere in the draft is the breakdown of posts accorded by category supplied. No answer is given to the Court's arguments for strengthening certain sectors within the Court's internal organisation. The Court should not allow itself to be discouraged from presenting full information to the budgetary authority, however. Parliament at least takes its responsibilities seriously and refuses to make purely arbitrary judgments on the Court's needs.

¹ Plus 2 posts for the Greek Judges' Chamber and three temporary C 3/2 posts for the encoding of case law. A further 7 posts have been accorded for the translation of the Court's case law (maximum duration: four years).

Rapporteur's proposals

16. As the rapporteur has already explained to Parliament during the course of the presentation of the 1981 draft budget by Council, he is trying to reconcile the imperatives of austerity and the need to guarantee the smooth functioning of Community institutions. Therefore, in his contacts with the Court of Justice he has sought to ascertain the minimal requirements of the Court so that its functioning should not be jeopardized during this period of austerity. Where possible, and this is the approach he has adopted for all the institutions, he has sought to maintain the overall level of appropriations within the limits of the draft budget. Any increases in appropriations, as a result of Parliamentary amendment, will be minor.

17. As regards the Court's establishment plan, your rapporteur, following contacts with the Court of Justice, believes that it is not necessary to increase the number of posts allocated to Greek officials. However, he believes that some 19 extra posts are required to strengthen the general internal organization of the Court. These extra posts are principally for the following sectors: 1 A 5/4 post for the Documentation Service, 2 A 7 posts of law librarians, 7 B posts including 1 B 1 post for the Social Insurance Division, the others to cover the different sectors within the administration, documentation and linguistic departments - according to the job descriptions already provided by the Court - 7 C 3/2 posts to strengthen the secretarial service of the Court (at present the Court has to have recourse to some 18 auxiliary secretaries, thus complicating the administration's task) and 2 D 3/2 posts.

18. Your rapporteur believes that these minimalist proposals will permit the Court to exercise fully its responsibilities in 1981 and to overcome some of the administrative difficulties resulting from enlargement.

19. Furthermore he proposes to accord 21 regradings of posts as follows: 1 A 4 to A 3, 6 B 2 to B 1, 2 B 5 to B 4, 4 C 2 to C 1 and 5 C 5 to C 4. These regradings, which put the emphasis on the need to align administrative practice within the institutions, will help to resolve the problems of uneven career development within the Court.

Appropriations

20. The Court, in its last appeal to Council before the decisions of 23 September 1980, underlined certain problem areas for different lines within its estimates.

21. The budget of the Court for 1980 amounts to 21.7 m EUA. The Court proposes that this figure should rise to 27.6 m EUA in 1981. The draft budget for 1981, drawn up by Council, set the total volume at 25.2 m EUA (being an increase of 16.4%) in comparison with the 1980 draft budget. This overall level of increase, achieved following flat-rate reductions in certain chapters (5% for Chapter 11 and 8% for Chapter 12) seems to your rapporteur to permit the Court's activities to continue to function normally. However, certain items need to be re-examined.

22. The Court's request for 300,000 EUA for Item 1110 "Auxiliary staff" was turned down by the Council which reduced appropriations to 186,000 EUA (or one-third of 1980 appropriations). At the same time the Council rejected requests for permanent staff which would have thus reduced the need for recourse to auxiliary contracts. Your rapporteur does not propose to amend this line because he is seeking to increase the number of permanent staff: if, however, Parliament is not prepared to accord the sufficient extra staff - particularly at the secretarial level - your rapporteur will propose that the appropriations for Item 1110 be increased.

23. For Item 2231 "Renewals of transport" and Item 2710 "General publications" the attitude of the Council appears particularly restrictive. However, your rapporteur understands that, as regards the first item, the Court will make the necessary adjustments to abide within the limits of the draft budget. He therefore proposes no amendments for this item. For Item 2710 he understands that the level of appropriations in the 1980 budget may not be sufficient. It should be pointed out that the Court has no discretion as regards the publication of its cases: they must be published, and in all the Community languages. He therefore proposes an amendment to restore appropriations to the levels proposed in the Court's estimates.

24. For Article 208 "Other expenses prior to the acquisition of immovable property or to the construction of such property" your rapporteur proposes an amendment to add 130,000 EUA to cover costs relating to the construction of an annexe to the Court. The Court of Justice building in Luxembourg is no longer sufficient to house the Court's staff, some of whom are now housed in the Commission's Jean Monnet building in the Grand Duchy. This unsatisfactory state of affairs can no longer continue and the Court is

therefore seeking the construction of an annexe on its present site. In order for this annexe to be as functional as possible, it is necessary to seek a full analysis of the architect's plans. Such an analysis can only be conducted by experts outside the institution. Certainly the experience of the European Parliament has been that the recourse to such expertise could prevent errors which are in the long run much more costly to the institutions than the fees such experts might charge. Council has only placed a token entry on the line for this item.

Conclusions

25. The Committee on Budgets therefore decides to table three amendments to the draft budget of the Court of Justice:

- (i) to add 19 posts to the establishment plan corresponding to the minimum number necessary to strengthen certain administrative and documentary services within the Court - all the posts having been sought by the Court last year;
- (ii) to regrade 21 posts to align career profiles with the practice in other institutions;
- (iii) to increase Article 208 of the Court's draft budget by 130,000 ECU cover expenses relating to the construction of the new annexe of the Court;
- (iv) to increase Item 2710 "General publications" to the level proposed in the Court's original estimates, in order for it to meet its obligations to publish its cases in all Community working languages.

STATISTICAL DATAA. Cases submitted^{+,++}

	1977		1978		1979		1980	
	Year	1.1. - 15.10.	Year	1.1. - 15.10.	Year	1.1. - 15.10.	Year	1.1. - 15.10.
References for a preliminary ruling	84	63	104 (123)	88 (107)	106	80		72
Direct appeals	50	40	76 (123)	57 (104)	53	44		49 (64)
Appeals by officials	24	20	22	18	61 (1163)	38 (608)		43 (65)
Opinions - Deliberations	-	-	2	1	-	-		
Revisions	-	-	-	-	-	1		
<u>TOTAL</u>	158	123	204 (270)	164 (230)	221 (1323)	163 (733)		164 (201)

B. Judgements handed down⁺⁺⁺

	1977		1978		1979		1980	
	Year	1.1. - 15.10.	Year	1.1. - 15.10.	Year	1.1. - 15.10.	Year	1.1. - 15.10.
References for a preliminary ruling	75	51	62	46	83	71		64
Direct appeals	11	9	20	18	37	30		25
Appeals by officials	14	9	15	12	18	15		13
Opinions - Deliberations		1	1	-	1	1		-
Revisions	1	-	-	-	-	-		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	102	71	98	76	139	117		103

⁺The figures in brackets indicate the total number of cases covering groups of identical cases. There were submitted:

- in 1978: 1 group of 20 references for a preliminary ruling, and 1 group of 48 direct appeals
- in 1979: 10 groups totalling 1,112 appeals by officials
- in 1980: 1 group of 17 direct appeals, and 1 group of 23 appeals by officials

⁺⁺These figures do not include applications for the adoption of interim measures, for interpretations, taxation on costs and legal assistance.

⁺⁺⁺These figures include interlocutory judgements but do not include orders ending proceedings.

PROPOSALS OF THE RAPPOREUR CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT PLAN OF
THE COURT OF JUSTICE

	(i) Proposals of the Court	(ii) Draft budget	(iii) Rapporteur's proposals (amendments to the draft)		
A. Posts not obtained in 1980	A	4			
	B	8			
	C	17			
	D	3	A	1	A + 3 (1 A 5, 2 A 7)
	LA	1	B	1	B + 7 (1 B 1, 1 B 2/3, 5 B 5/4)
	Total	33	C	9	C + 7 (7 C 3/2)
B. New posts for 1981			D	1	D + 2 (2 D 3/2)
			LA	6	+19
	A	1	Total	18	
	B	3			
	C	20			
	D	1			
C. Posts required by the accession of Greece	LA	16			
	Total	41			
	A	3	A	3	
	B	6	B	3	
	C	15	C	10	
	D	1	D	1	
		LA	15		
Total	48	Total	32		
GRAND TOTAL	122 ¹	50 ²	+19	= 69	

¹ Of which 10 temporary posts

² Plus 6 C 3/2 temporary and 6 LA temporary

Deliberations of the Committee on Budgets at its meeting of
29 October 1980

NOMENCLATURE						POSITION OF COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS			
Chapter Article or Item	Heading	Payments EUA	Commitments EUA	DA	PM	Author	Decision or opinion		Results of the vote and Remarks
							Fog.	Req.	
STAFF	19 new posts (3 A, 7 B, 7 C, 2 D)	+ 326,320		68.284/1		ANSQUER	X		20/3/2
TITLE I									
It. 1000	Basic salaries of Members	- 720,670		346		CAPANNA		X)
It. 1001	Residence allow- ances of Members	- 203,200		347		CAPANNA		X)
It. 1002	Family allowances of Members	- 113,840		348		CAPANNA		X)
It. 1003	Representation allowances of Members	- 80,210		349		CAPANNA		X)
Art. 101	Members - insurance risks sickness	- 62,120		350		CAPANNA		X)
Art. 102	Members temporary allowances	- 214,330		351		CAPANNA		X)
It. 1030	Members- retire- ment pensions	- 155,515		352		CAPANNA		X)
It. 1032	Members - survivors' pensions	- 97,320		353		CAPANNA		X)
Art. 109	Provisional approp- riations for adjustments to emoluments of Members	- 176,050		354		CAPANNA		X)
It. 1113	Special counsellors	- 14,710		355		CAPANNA		X)
It. 1210	Travel expenses of Members	deletion of the line (- 1,290)		356		CAPANNA		X)

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P O S I T I O N O F C O M M I T T E E O N B U D G E T S

Chapter, Article or Item	Headings	Payments EUA	Commitments EUA	DA	PM	Author	Decision or opinion		Result of the vote and Remarks
							Pos.	Neg.	
It. 1220	Installation allowances	- 52,940		357		CAPANNA		X))) 1/21/1
It. 1230	Transport exp.	- 15,000		358		CAPANNA		X	
It. 1300	Mission expenditure	- 35,000		359		CAPANNA		X	
TITLE 2									
Art. 208	Exp. prelim. to the acquisition or construction of buildings	+ 130,000		68.284/3		ANSQUER	X		15/7/3
It. 2210	New purchase of furniture	- 23,810		360		CAPANNA		X	7/17/1
It. 2231	Replacement of transport	- 21,680		361		CAPANNA		X	7/16/0
It. 2400	Members' rep. exp.	- 11,985		362		CAPANNA		X	6/15/1
It. 2710	Publications of a general nature	+ 300,000		68.284/4		ANSQUER	X		12/9/0

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DRAFT
GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1981

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 513

tabled by Mr ANSQUER on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION IV - COURT OF JUSTICE

List of posts

Create the following posts:

Category A	3 posts (1 A 5, 2 A 7)
Category B	7 posts (1 B 1, 1 B 2/3, 5 B 5/4)
Category C	7 posts (7 C 3/2)
Category D	2 posts (2 D 3/2)
Total	<u>19 posts</u>

Convert the following posts:

- 1 A 4 to A 3
- 6 B 3/2 to B 1
- 2 B 5 to B 4
- 4 C 2 to C 1
- 5 C 5 to C 4

A - Expenditure

Increase the appropriation by 326,320 EUA¹

B - Compensation

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C - Revenue

Increase revenue by 32,220 EUA¹

COMMITMENT

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REMARKS

Unchanged

¹ See justification for breakdown of these figures

Justification

In its estimates the Court of Justice proposed 120 posts. The Council has agreed to only 48 posts. Of these 48, 30 are for the recruitment of new Greek officials and only 18 for the reinforcement of the departments. The figure proposed by the Council is therefore lower than the number of requests which were not met during the 1980 procedure.

After consulting the representative of the Court of Justice, your rapporteur feels that an additional 19 posts are necessary for the reinforcement of the internal organization of the Court of Justice.

These posts are mainly for the following departments:

- 1 A 5/4 post for the documentation service;
- 2 A 7/6 posts for legal librarians;
- 7 B posts, including one B 1 for the social insurance division; the other posts are for the administration, documentation and language services (in accordance with the job description already supplied by the Court of Justice);
- 7 C 3/2 posts for the secretarial service (which at present needs 18 auxiliary secretary posts);
- 2 D 3/2 posts.

Your rapporteur feels that these proposals, which represent an absolute minimum, should enable the Court of Justice fully to exercise its responsibilities in the coming year and to overcome the administrative difficulties resulting from enlargement.

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The Court of Justice has asked for certain posts to be converted in order to take account of the need for better career prospects for certain officials. The opportunities for promotion for officials at the Court of Justice are less favourable than at the European Parliament. Moreover, the Court of Justice uses the lowest grades in certain categories (for example C 5 and B 5). These grades have virtually ceased to exist at the European Parliament. Thus, the conversions requested would bring the practice at the Court of Justice into line with the practice in our institution.

The Council has rejected all of these proposed conversions without giving any reasons. Moreover, it has not even taken account of the fact that in 1979 the Council itself gave an undertaking concerning the conversion of the A 4 post to A 3.

In view of the unusual circumstances in which the 1980 budget was adopted, it was not possible to honour this undertaking. Your rapporteur feels that all of the basic conversions requested by the Court of Justice should be accepted.

¹ See justification for breakdown of these figures

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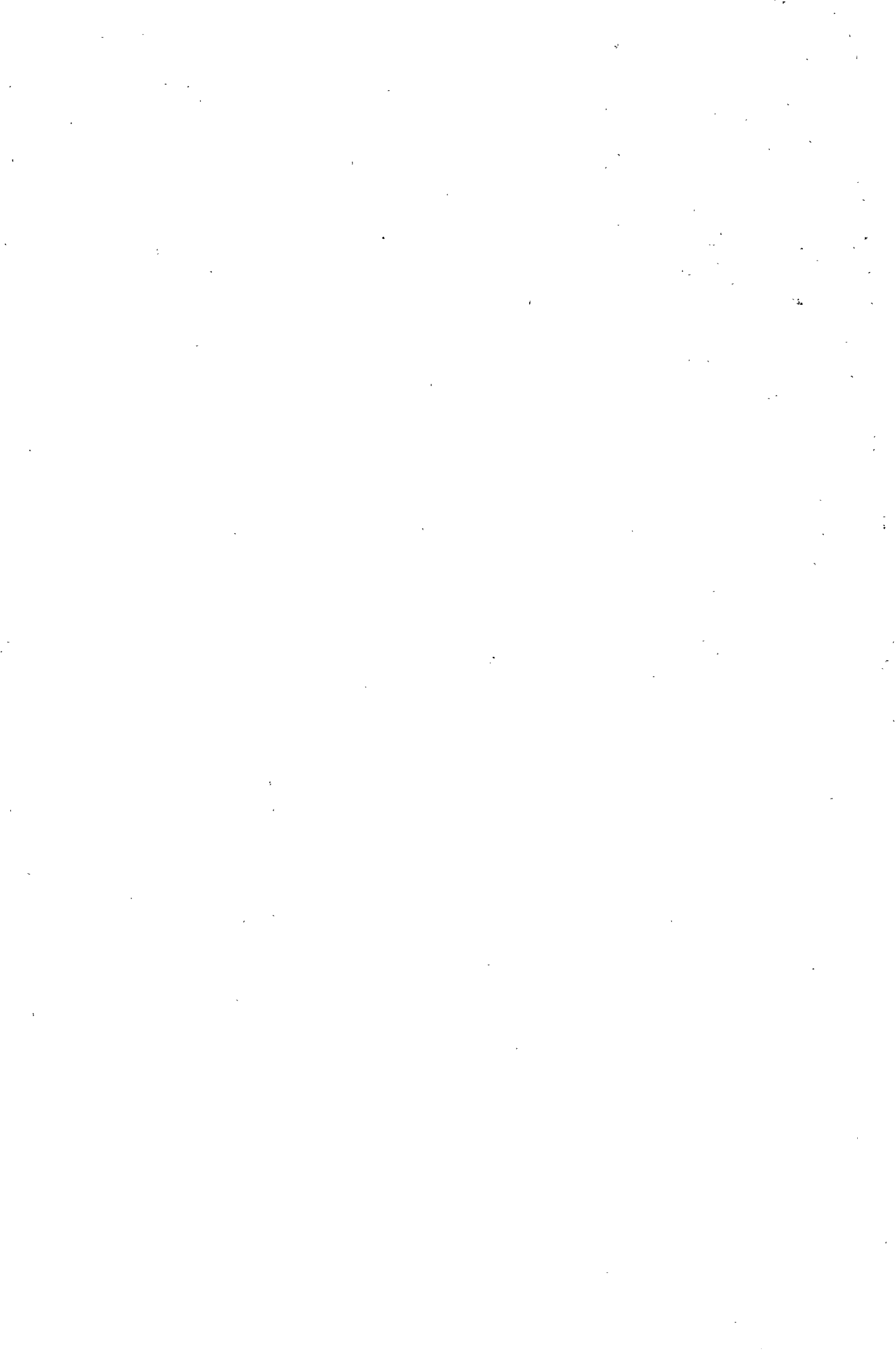
BREAKDOWN OF APPROPRIATIONS

EXPENDITURE

Item 1100:	+	181,520	(from 10,673,520 to 10,855,040)
Item 1101:	+	16,340	(" 960,620 " 976,960)
Item 1102:	+	28,140	(" 1,654,400 " 1,682,540)
Item 1103:	+	1,610	(" 89,250 " 90,860)
Item 1130:	+	5,450	(" 320,210 " 325,660)
Item 1131:	+	1,210	(" 71,520 " 72,730)
Article 119:	+	13,960	(" 853,710 " 867,670)
Item 1211:	+	1,710	(" 10,400 " 12,110)
Item 1221:	+	17,820	(" 254,110 " 271,930)
Item 1231:	+	7,000	(" 113,930 " 120,930)
Item 1241:	+	30,450	(" 209,120 " 239,570)
Article 129:	+	2,880	(" 31,060 " 33,940)
Item 2200:	+	5,180	(" 49,720 " 54,900)
Item 2210:	+	13,050	(" 72,290 " 85,340)

REVENUE

Chapter 40 :	+	19,970	(from 1,902,150 to 1,922,120)
Chapter 41 :	+	12,250	(" 763,400 " 775,650)



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GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 514

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 514.

tabled by Mr ANSQUER on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION IV - COURT OF JUSTICE

Article 208 : Other expenses prior to the acquisition of immovable property or to the construction of such property

A - ExpenditureIncrease payment appropriations by 130,000 EUAB - Compensation

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C - RevenueIncrease revenue by the same amount

COMMITMENTS

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REMARKS

Unchanged

Justification

Your rapporteur proposes that provision should be made for an additional sum of 130,000 EUA to cover the costs relating to the construction of the annex of the Court of Justice. The existing building cannot accommodate all the officials, so it has become necessary to construct a new building. A number of officials have temporary offices in Commission premises (Jean Monnet building).

The architect's plans must be thoroughly analysed to ensure that the designs are as practical as possible. Experts will have to be brought in from the outside for this purpose. The cost of such analyses is trivial compared with the expense that a superficial study could involve.

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DRAFT
GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1981

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 515

tabled by Mr ANSQUER on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION IV - COURT OF JUSTICE

PAYMENTS

Item 2710 : General publications

A - Expenditure

Increase appropriations by 300,000 EUA.

B - Compensation

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C - Revenue

Increase revenue accordingly.

COMMITMENTS

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REMARKS

Unchanged

Justification

These appropriations are intended to cover the cost of publishing the annual volume of reports of cases before the Court, the first instalment of previous reports before the Court in Greek and the source index of Community case law.

Publication of these reports is not discretionary: they must be published in all Community languages.

The Court estimated that an appropriation of 1,496,140 EUA would be necessary for 1981. Council reduced this figure to 1 mEUA. This reduction, made without any accompanying explanation, does not take account of the need to produce previous reports in Greek. Nor does it cater for the fact that the appropriations in 1980 are unlikely to prove sufficient - a transfer will almost certainly have to be made.

Therefore, your rapporteur suggests increasing appropriations by 300,000 EUA to 1,300,000 EUA.