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1532nd meeting of the Council

- BUDGET -

Brussels, 12 November 1991

President: Mr Piet DANKERT,

State Secretary for
Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom
of the Netherlands

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Ms Wiviana DE MEESTER	State Secretary for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Jorgen ØRSTRØM MØLLER	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Jochen GRUENHAGE	Deputy Permanent Representative

Greece:

Mr Ioannis PALAIOKRASSAS	Minister for Finance

Spain:

Mr Antonio ZABALZA MARTI	State Secretary for Finance

France:

Mr Michel CHARASSE	Minister for Economic Affairs, Finance and the Budget, with responsibility for the Budget

Ireland:

Mr Eamonn RYAN	Deputy Permanent Representative

Italy:

Mr Emilio RUBBI	State Secretary for the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER   Minister for the Budget

Netherlands:

Mr Piet DANKERT   State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Portugal:

Mrs Maria Manuela FERREIRA-LEITE   State Secretary for the Budget

United Kingdom:

Mr Francis MAUDE   Financial Secretary to the Treasury

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Commission:

Mr Peter SCHMIDHUBER   Member

MEETING WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Before returning to the 1992 budgetary procedure, the Council met a European Parliament delegation, led by Mr CATHERWOOD, Vice-President of the European parliament, and comprising Mr VON DER VRING, Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mr LAMASSOURE, first Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mr CORNELISSEN, second Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets and Rapporteur on Section III of the Budget, Mr TOMLINSON, Rapporteur on Sections I, II, IV and V of the Budget and Mr COLOM I NAVAL, Mr LO GIUDICE and Ms THEATO, Members of the Committee on Budgets.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the parliamentary delegation to submit the outcome of the first reading of the draft budget for 1992 to the Council and to draw attention to the priorities which Parliament had selected.

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CONTINUATION OF THE 1992 BUDGETARY PROCEDURE

After the meeting, the Council held its second reading of the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1992.

The Council adopted positions on all the proposed modifications and amendments for which the European Parliament had voted on a first reading.

The main expenditure agreed on by the Council on its second reading of its draft 1992 budget amounts to:

(in million ECU - provisional figures rounded off)

	CA	PA
EAGGF, Guarantee Section	35 008,0	35 008,0
Monetary reserve	1 000,0	1 000,0
Set-aside and income aid	280,0	280,0
Structural Funds	17 585,3	16 039,6
PEDIP (Specific Programme for Industrial Development in Portugal)	127,7	121,6
Support programme	16,0	13,9
IMPs (Integrated Mediterranean Programmes)	466,9	302,4
Research (framework programme)	2 037,9	1 562,7
Research (other than framework programme)	181,9	183,8
Other policies	5 135,6	4 111,1
comprising: Food aid	518,0	552,7
Aid to latin America and Asia	553,9	349,0
Mediterranean countries	397,7	280,3
Central and Eastern Europe	1 033,0	570,0
USSR	400,0	320,0
Administration - Commission	1 849,6	1 849,6
- Other Institutions	1 053,3	1 053,3
Depreciation of Agricultural stocks	810,0	810,0
Refunds to Member States	82,0	82,0
	65 634,2	62 418,0

The rates of increase for NCO thus amount to 13,25% in the case of commitment appropriations and 15,83% in the case of payment appropriations.

The Council instructed its President to forward the outcome of its second reading of the draft budget to the European Parliament.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 for 1991

The Council conducted the second reading of draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 for 1991, with amendments by the European Parliament.

Draft supplementary and amending budget No 3 for 1991

The Council established draft supplementary and amending budget No 3 for 1991, entering the surplus for 1990 (ECU 225,7 million), the result of the definitive financing of the compensation granted to the United Kingdom in respect of 1987, the refunds to Spain and Portugal resulting from an increase in expenditure and the adjustment and correction of VAT and GNP balances from previous years, and an increase in the administrative costs of the Commission and the Court of Justice (ECU 40,9 million).

Letter of amendment No 1 to the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1992

The Council established letter of amendment No 1 for 1992 by entering the estimated balance from 1991 (ECU 938 million), the result of the definitive financing of the compensation granted to the United Kingdom in 1988, the budget headings under borrowing/loan operations for Romania and Algeria and the changes to be made in 1992 to the allocation for certain specific programmes under the third framework programme and to the Council's budget.

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BRUXELLES, LE 13 NOVEMBRE 1991

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CC: AUX MEMBRES DU SERVICE DU PORTE-PAROLE

CONSEIL BUDGET DU 12 NOVEMBRE - DEUXIEME LECTURE DE CONSEIL
(O.NETTE)

LE CONSEIL BUDGET A, POUR L'ESSENTIEL, CONFIRME LES RESULTATS DE
SA PREMIERE LECTURE EN REJETANT LA QUASI-TOTALITE DES AMENDEMENTS
DU PARLEMENT EUROPEEN. IL EST AINSI RESTE SUR SA POSITION VISANT
A FINANCER LA POURSUITE DE L'ASSISTANCE TECHNIQUE A L'URSS EN
1992 PAR DES COUPES BUDGETAIRES DANS LES POLITIQUES INTERNES, AU
LIEU DE RECOURIR, COMME LE PROPOSE LA COMMISSION, A UNE REVISION

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DES PERSPECTIVES FINANCIERES.

LORS D'UNE RENCONTRE ENTRE LE CONSEIL ET UNE DELEGATION DU PARLEMENT, LES DEUX PARTIES SONT RESTEES SUR LEUR POSITION.

ENSUITE, LES MINISTRES ONT DELIBERE A HUIS CLOS SUR LEUR STRATEGIE DE NEGOCIATION VIS-A-VIS DU PARLEMENT. DEVANT LA PRESSE, LE PRESIDENT EN EXERCICE DU CONSEIL, M. DANKERT, N'A PAS EXCLU LA POSSIBILITE DE TRANSFERER DES CREDITS DE LA RUBRIQUE 3 (ICI: RECHERCHE) A LA RUBRIQUE 4 (OU FIGURENT LES CREDITS POUR LES ACTIONS EXTERIEURES), POUR PEU QUE LE PARLEMENT CONSENTE A REDUIRE SES DEMANDES DE CREDITS POUR LA RECHERCHE.

LE COMMISSAIRE RESPONSABLE DU BUDGET, M. PETER SCHMIDHUBER, A REGRETTE LA DECISION DU CONSEIL EN APPELLANT LES DEUX BRANCHES DE L'AUTORITE BUDGETAIRE (P.E. ET CONSEIL) A ENTAMER DES NEGOCIATIONS SERIEUSES (VOIR IP(91)993).

AMITIES

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