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ADDENDUM

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on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing a Community programme to improve the operation of taxation systems
in the internal market (Fiscalis 2013)
(COM(2006)0202 – C6-0159/2006 – 2006/0076(COD))

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Rapporteur: Hans-Peter Martin
A6-0117/2007

Insert the following minority opinion:

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MINORITY OPINION

pursuant to Rule 48(3) of the Rules of procedure
by Hans-Peter Martin

The minority regards the funding requested for Fiscalis 2013 as excessive. The rapporteur had previously asked the Council and Commission for detailed information. The cost of the predecessor programme, Fiscalis 2007, is only EUR 66 m according to Tiina Maisala, a Finnish national who handled this in the second half of 2006 for the Finnish Council Presidency. Carlos Soares, a Portuguese national who is a Council official dealing with Fiscalis, put the costs at EUR 90 m. However, the legislative text covered by the first Fiscalis report cites only EUR 44 m. Marinus de Graaf, the EU Commission director with responsibility for Fiscalis, was aware of

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that figure, but was most unwilling to mention it. For Fiscalis 2013, in fact, the EU Commission is calling for EUR 156.9 m - almost four times as much - with the largest increase projected for missions. If the cost of seconded EU officials and of the EMCS programme, which will still be running in 2008, is added, the figure comes to as much as EUR 174 m. Of course the reaction of Mr de Graaf to the rapporteur's critical enquiries, stating that, given what went on in other programmes, this was indeed very little money. Fiscalis was a bagatelle - peanuts - statements which speak for themselves, regrettably, and testify to a complete unawareness of reality. The fact is that it is tax money that is at stake.

(Affects all language versions.)