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Section VII - Committee of the Regions

Committee on Budgets

Rapporteur: Per Stenmarck

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PROCEDURAL PAGE

For the budgetary procedure for the financial year 2003, the Committee on Budgets had appointed Per Stenmarck rapporteur at its meeting of 10 December 2001.

On 31 March 2003 the Commission presented Preliminary Draft Amending Budget No 2/2003 of the European Union for the financial year 2003 and forwarded it to Parliament (SEC(2003) 423).

On 16 June 2003 the Council established the Draft Amending Budget No 2/2003 of the European Union for the financial year 2003 and forwarded it to Parliament by letter of (10177/2003).

At the sitting of 30 June 2003 the President of Parliament will announce that he had referred the Draft Amending Budget No 2/2003 to the Committee on Budgets as the committee responsible and to all the other Committees interested for their opinions (C5-0000/2003 – 2002/2058(BUD)).

The Committee on Budgets considered the Draft Amending Budget No 2/2003 and the draft report at its meetings of 21-22 May and 17 June 2003.

At the latter meeting it adopted the motion for a resolution unanimously.

The following were present for the vote: Reimer Böge, acting chairman; Anne Elisabet Jensen and Franz Turchi, vice-chairmen; Per Stenmarck, rapporteur; Ioannis Averoff, Kathalijne Maria Buitenweg, Joan Colom i Naval, Gianfranco Dell'Alba (for Wolfgang Ilgenfritz), Den Dover, Bárbara Dührkop Dührkop, Markus Ferber, Salvador Garriga Polledo, Neena Gill, María Esther Herranz García, Joaquim Píscarreta, Giovanni Pittella, Esko Olavi Seppänen (for Francis Wurtz), Johan Van Hecke, Kyösti Tapio Virrankoski, Ralf Walter and Brigitte Wenzel-Perillo.

The report was tabled on 18 June 2003.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

European Parliament resolution on the Draft Amending Budget N° 2/2003 of the European Union for the financial year 2003 Section VII - Committee of the Regions (10177/2003 – C5-0000/2003 – 2003/2058(BUD))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 272 of the EC Treaty and Article 177 of the Euratom Treaty,
 - having regard to the Financial Regulation of 25 June 2002¹ applicable to the general budget of the European Communities and particularly Articles 37 and 38 thereof,
 - having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2003, as finally adopted on 19 December 2002²,
 - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure³,
 - having regard to the Preliminary Draft Amending Budget No 2/2003 of the European Union for the financial year 2003, which the Commission presented on 31 March 2003,
 - having regard to Draft Amending Budget No 2/2003, which the Council established on 16 June 2003 (10177/2003 - C5-0000/2003),
 - having regard to Rule 92 of and Annex IV to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A5-0241/2003),
- A. whereas the Preliminary Draft Amending Budget N° 2/2002 aims to enter in the 2003 Budget of the Committee of the Regions (Section VII) an amount of EUR 350 000 in order to allow the participation of the 95 observers of the accession countries in the plenary sessions starting from July 2003,
- B. whereas this amount would correspond to a significant increase of the appropriations against Item 251 (Meetings expenses of representatives of the applicant countries), which would increase from EUR 70,000 to EUR 420,000
- C. whereas the Committee of the Regions did not consider it necessary to request these appropriations during the budgetary procedure for the financial year 2003,
- E. whereas there is some margin for manoeuvre for transfers within total 2003 Budget of the Committee of the Regions,

¹ OJ L 248, 16.09.2002

² OJ L 54, 28.02.2003

³ OJ C 172, 18.06.1999, p.1

1. Welcomes Council's modification of the Preliminary Draft Amending Budget N° 2/2003,
2. Has decided not to introduce budgetary amendments and to accept Council's Draft Amending Budget,
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Committee of Regions.