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on the proposal for amending the reference amounts - within the meaning of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999, Article 33 - of expenditure programmes adopted by the co-decision procedure, in order to take account of enlargement
(COM(2003) 777 – C5-0650/2003 – 2003/0303(COD))

Committee on Budgets

Rapporteur: Reimer Böge and Joan Colom i Naval

Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
majority of the votes cast
- **I Cooperation procedure (first reading)
majority of the votes cast
- **II Cooperation procedure (second reading)
*majority of the votes cast, to approve the common position
majority of Parliament's component Members, to reject or amend
the common position*
- *** Assent procedure
*majority of Parliament's component Members except in cases
covered by Articles 105, 107, 161 and 300 of the EC Treaty and
Article 7 of the EU Treaty*
- ***I Codecision procedure (first reading)
majority of the votes cast
- ***II Codecision procedure (second reading)
*majority of the votes cast, to approve the common position
majority of Parliament's component Members, to reject or amend
the common position*
- ***III Codecision procedure (third reading)
majority of the votes cast, to approve the joint text

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the Commission)

Amendments to a legislative text

In amendments by Parliament, amended text is highlighted in ***bold italics***. Highlighting in *normal italics* is an indication for the relevant departments showing parts of the legislative text for which a correction is proposed, to assist preparation of the final text (for instance, obvious errors or omissions in a given language version). These suggested corrections are subject to the agreement of the departments concerned.

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PROCEDURAL PAGE

By letter of 10 December 2003 the Commission submitted to Parliament, pursuant to Articles 129, 137(2), 149, 150 and 251(2) of the EC Treaty, the proposal for amending the reference amounts - within the meaning of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999, Article 33 - of expenditure programmes adopted by the co-decision procedure, in order to take account of enlargement (COM(2003) 777 – 2003/0303(COD)).

At the sitting of 15 January 2004 the President of Parliament announced that he had referred the proposal to the Committee on Budgets as the committee responsible and the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy, the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy, the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and to the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education, the Media and Sport for their opinions (C5-0650/2003).

The Committee on Budgets appointed Reimer Böge and Joan Colom i Naval rapporteurs at its meeting of 21 January 2004.

The committee considered the Commission proposal and draft report at its meetings of 21 January 2004 and 17 February 2004.

At the last meeting it adopted the draft legislative resolution unanimously.

The following were present for the vote: Terence Wynn (chairman), Reimer Böge (vice-chairman and rapporteur), Anne Elisabet Jensen (vice-chairwoman), Franz Turchi (vice-chairman), Reimer Böge and Joan Colom i Naval Joan Colom i Naval (rapporteur), Den Dover, Göran Färm, Salvador Garriga Polledo, Neena Gill, Catherine Guy-Quint, Jutta D. Haug, John Joseph McCartin, Jan Mulder, Juan Andrés Naranjo Escobar, Esko Olavi Seppänen (for Chantal Cauquil), Per Stenmarck, Kyösti Tapio Virrankoski and Ralf Walter.

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs decided on 14 January 2004, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy decided on 16 February 2004, the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development decided on 22 January 2004, the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education, the Media and Sport decided on 27 January 2004 and the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy decided on 21 January 2004 not to give an opinion.

The report was tabled on 18 February 2004.

DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

on the proposal for amending the reference amounts - within the meaning of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999, Article 33 - of expenditure programmes adopted by the co-decision procedure, in order to take account of enlargement (COM(2003) 777 – C5-0650/2003 – 2003/0303(COD))

(Codecision procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2003) 777)¹,
 - having regard to Articles 129, 137(2), 149, 150 and 251(2) of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C5-0650/2003),
 - having regard to Rule 67 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A5-0065/2004),
1. Considers that the amounts referred to in the legislative proposals are compatible with the ceiling of heading 3 of the financial perspective as adjusted and revised in order to take account of enlargement;
 2. Calls for the budgetary authority to be more fully involved in the definition of the financial impact of the legislative programmes in accordance with the Interinstitutional Agreement on financial statements²;
 3. Welcomes the Commission proposals in respect of the agreement on indicative figures reached at the conciliation of 24 November 2003;
 4. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend its proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

¹ Not yet published in OJ.

² OJ C172, 18.6.1999, p. 1-22.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In view of financing the needs of enlargement, Heading 3 of the financial perspective has been adjusted and revised for a total amount for the period 2004-2006. The budgetary authority had agreed *to revise (by the end of the budgetary procedure for 2004) the reference amounts of the programmes adopted under co-decision within the limits of the ceiling resulting from the above mentioned adjustment and revision of the financial perspective.*

The programmes concerned had been adopted under co-decision with reference amounts for EUR15. The additional amount represents the needs for EUR10 for the period 2004-2006.

Following internal consultations with the relevant committees, the Parliament adopted a list of indicative amounts in annex to the 1st reading resolution to the Budget 2004. This list served as a mandate for the negotiations with the Council.

At the conciliation meeting of 24 November 2003, the Parliament and the Council reached an agreement on the adjustment of the reference amounts for the 29 programmes concerned (see below) and invited the Commission to present without delay the appropriate legislative proposals.

The total additional amount represents an increase of 2.58 billion thus leaving a sufficient margin under the adjusted revised ceiling for non codedecided programmes and other annual actions (agencies, pilot projects and preparatory actions etc) in 2005 and 2006.

Joint declaration of 24 November adopted in the context of the 2004 budgetary procedure: *"Referring to the joint declaration of 16 July 2003, Parliament and Council, having reached a political agreement on the indicative reference amounts to be included in the basic act of community programmes decided under the co-decision procedure following enlargement, invite the Commission to present without delay the appropriate legislative proposal(s) and confirm that they will make all the efforts to take in due consideration, in the co-decision procedure, the amounts attached to the present declaration, in time for their possible application as from the date of entry into force of the Accession Treaty.*

The European Parliament and the Council remind to their respective bodies that the legislative procedures should in any circumstances respect the adjustment and revision of the Financial Perspective in view of enlargement as approved on 9 April 2003, and leave a sufficient margin for future programmes, including the ones not based on co-decision."

Name of programme (period covered by programmes for which basic acts have been adopted)	Reference amount before adjustment	New amount	Additional amount
	EUR 15	EUR 25	EUR 10
6th framework programme for research and technological development (02-06)	17.500,000	19.235,000	1.735,000
Networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations (IDA) (02-04)	74,000	75,500	1,500
Labour market (02-06)	55,000	62,300	7,300

Measures combating and preventing social exclusion (02-06)	75,000	85,040	10,040
Restructuring of systems for agricultural surveys	12,850	26,400	13,550
Tapas - (03-07)	5,000	11,650	6,650
LUCAS/MARS (04-07)	7,850	14,750	6,900
Marco Polo Programme (03-06)	75,000	100,000	25,000
Financial support for projects of common interest in the trans-European transport and energy network (00-06)	4.325,000	4.580,000	255,000
Intelligent Energy for Europe Programme (03-06)	200,000	250,000	50,000
Protection of forests (03-06)	61,000	65,000	4,000
Community action programme promoting NGOs primarily active in the field of environmental protection (02-06)	32,000	34,300	2,300
LIFE III (Financial Instrument for the Environment (2000-2004)) — Actions on Community territory (01-04)	640,000	649,900	9,900
Community framework for cooperation to promote sustainable urban development (01-04)	14,000	14,800	0,800
Community cooperation in the field of marine pollution (00-06)	7,000	12,600	5,600
Action on illegal and harmful content on the Internet (03-04)	13,300	14,100	0,800
Trans-European telecommunications networks (00-06)	275,000	294,880	19,880
Customs 2007 (03-07)	133,000	165,550	32,550
Fiscalis 2007 (Community programme to improve the operation of taxation systems in the internal market) (03-07)	44,000	67,250	23,250
Socrates (00-06)	1.850,000	2.060,000	210,000
Framework programme in favour of culture (00-04)	167,000	170,700	3,700
Media (measures to promote the development of vocational training in the audiovisual industry) (01-05)	50,000	52,000	2,000
European Year of Education through Sport (03-04)	11,500	12,100	0,600
Youth (00-06)	520,000	605,000	85,000

Community activities in favour of consumers (04-07)	72,000	81,800	9,800
Public health (2003-2008)	312,000	353,770	41,770
Statistical information policy (03-07)	192,500	220,600	28,100
Networks for intra-Community statistics (Edicom) (01-05)	51,200	53,600	2,400
Modinis (03-05)	21,000	22,440	1,440
TOTAL	26.783,350	29.364,630	2.581,280

FOR INFORMATION: EUR 25 REFERENCE AMOUNTS FOR PROGRAMMES ADOPTED OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING ADOPTED BY THE CO-DECISION PROCEDURE			
Name of programme (period covered by programmes for which basic acts have been adopted)	Old financial allocation	New reference amount	Difference
	EUR 15	EUR 25	EUR 10
E-learning (04-06)	33,000	44,000	11,000
Erasmus Mundus (04-08)	180,000	230,000	50,000
Measures for combating violence against children, adolescents and women - Daphne II (04-08)*	41,000	50,000	9,000
TOTAL	254,000	324,000	70,000
TOTAL GENERAL	27.037,350	29.688,630	2.651,280

*in process of being adopted, agreement on amount between CS and EP