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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgetary Control

for the Committee on Budgets

on the joint guideline adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC, Euratom) No. 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities
(14259/2006 – C6-0431/2006 – 2005/0090(CNS))

Draftsmen: Ingeborg Gräßle and Borut Pahor(*)

(*) Enhanced cooperation between committees – Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

On 15 March 2006¹, the European Parliament adopted (enhanced cooperation - Committee on Budgets and Committee on Budgetary Control) the amendments contained in the Gräble report on the revision of the Financial Regulation. However, it postponed its vote on the legislative resolution, which was not adopted until 6 July 2006², in order to induce the Council to open the 1975 conciliation procedure (on matters having appreciable financial implications) and with a view to a revised Commission proposal taking on board Parliament's amendments.

The Commission submitted its amended proposal on 18 May 2006.

On 19 October COREPER adopted its joint guidelines and mandated the Presidency to inform the European Parliament of the agreed draft text with a view to the preparation of the conciliation procedure as laid down in the Joint Declaration of 4 March 1975.

The Council joint guidelines were formally adopted as an A-point (without discussion) in Council on 7 November 2006 with document 14259/06 FIN 490 ADD 1.

Trilogue meetings took place on 18 October, 9 November and 16 November and a formal conciliation meeting was held on 21 November 2006.

Following further negotiations between the European Parliament and the Council agreement was reached on a final text intended to receive the approval of the ECOFIN Council meeting on 28 November 2006.

This final text, in the judgement of your rapporteurs, adequately reflects the concerns of the Committee on Budgetary Control in relation to the areas of the Financial Regulation falling within its sphere of competence as agreed between the chairmen of COBU and COCOBU.

In conclusion, your draftsmen proposes that the Committee on Budgetary Control accept the final text of the proposed amendments to the Financial Regulation and invites the Committee on Budgets (subject to the formal adoption thereof without further amendment by the Council) to propose that the European Parliament declare this procedure closed.

¹ *Texts Adopted*, P6_TA(2006)0085.

² *Texts Adopted*, P6_TA(2006)0312.

PROCEDURE

Title	The joint guideline adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC, Euratom) No. 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.
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Members present for the final vote	Inés Ayala Sender, Simon Busuttill, Paulo Casaca, Christofer Fjellner, Szabolcs Fazakas, Ingeborg Gräßle, Bart Staes, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Albert Jan Maat, Ashley Mote, Ralf Walter
Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	Guy-Quint
Comments (available in one language only)	