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*Committee on International Trade*

**2006/2018B(BUD)**

13.9.2006

## **OPINION**

of the Committee on International Trade

for the Committee on Budgets

on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2007  
(C6-0000/2006 – 2006/2018B(BUD))

Section I - Parliament

Draftsman: Peter Šťastný

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on International Trade calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Stresses that the European Parliament is jointly promoting, organising and co-financing the "Parliamentary Conference on the World Trade Organization" (WTO) together with the Inter-Parliamentary Union, a Geneva-based international organisation;
2. Notes that the "Parliamentary Conference on the World Trade Organization" is a forum in which members from parliaments around the world exchange opinions, information and experience on international trade issues and provide a parliamentary dimension to the WTO by:
  - (i) overseeing WTO activities and promoting their effectiveness and fairness;
  - (ii) promoting the transparency of WTO procedures and improving dialogue between governments, parliaments and civil society, and;
  - (iii) building capacity in parliaments in matters of international trade and exerting influence on the direction of discussions within the WTO;
3. Reiterates its declared aim to accompany the WTO negotiations with a parliamentary process and the organisation of Parliamentary Conferences and, therefore, stresses that it will always be necessary to finance this crucial activity; notes, in this regard, that in 2007 there will be at least one session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO to be held in either Brussels or a WTO member country depending on the results of the Doha Round, and two meetings of its Steering Committee in Geneva;
4. Requests that the title and remarks of the line 3 0 4 4 be amended so that it is clear that this line covers explicitly the expenditure connected with the organisation of meetings of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO and its Steering Committee;

## PROCEDURE

<b>Title</b>	Draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2007 - Section I - Parliament
<b>Procedure number</b>	2006/2018B(BUD)
<b>Committee responsible</b>	BUDG
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<b>Draftsperson</b> Date appointed	Peter Šťastný 25.1.2006
<b>Previous drafts(wo)man</b>	
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<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 19 -: 0 0: 0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Jean-Pierre Audy, Daniel Caspary, Giulietto Chiesa, Christofer Fjellner, Béla Glattfelder, Jacky Henin, Filip Andrzej Kaczmarek, Alain Lipietz, Erika Mann, Helmuth Markov, Georgios Papastamkos, Peter Šťastný, Johan Van Hecke, Daniel Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Zbigniew Zaleski
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Margrietus van den Berg, Robert Goebbels, Antolín Sánchez Presedo, Mauro Zani
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote</b>	
<b>Comments (available in one language only)</b>	...