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Til Folketingets Europaudvalg

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Referat af rådsmøde (økonomi- og finansministre) den 25. november 2002

1. Samråd med Europa-Parlamentet om EU's 2003-budget

Der blev indgået en aftale med Europa-Parlamentet om EU's budget for 2003, som blev formelt godkendt som A-punkt på rådsmødet (konkurrenceevne) den 26. november 2002. Aftalen respekterer Berlin-aftalen om udviklingen for EU's udgifter i 2000-2006 og har følgende hovedpunkter:

- Anvendelsen af det såkaldte fleksibilitetsinstrument på 200 mio. euro begrænses til et historisk lavt niveau på 12 mio. euro. Disse bruges til finansiering af resterende midler til omstrukturering af den spanske og portugisiske fiskeriflåde (i alt 27 mio. euro), jf. aftale om finansieringen heraf indgået ved samrådet i juli 2002. Yderligere 15 mio. euro findes ved omprioriteringer på 2002-budgettet. Der efterlades således et betydeligt manøvrerum til uforudsete udgifter i 2003, idet disse kan finansieres via den resterende del af fleksibilitetsinstrumentet.
- 2003-budgettet for den Fælles Udenrigs- og Sikkerhedspolitik fastsættes til 47,5 mio. euro, hvilket sikrer finansieringen af EU's politimission i Bosnien-Herzegovina.
- EU allokere i 2003 84 mio. euro til den såkaldte Globale Sundhedsfond, hvoraf 42 mio. euro søges finansieret via Den Europæiske Udviklingsfond. Den Globale Sundhedsfond har til formål at bekæmpe HIV/AIDS, malaria og tuberkulose.
- Der er aftalt en hurtig proces for implementeringen af nødhjælp til Afrikas Horn på op til 55 mio. euro, som finansieres indenfor 2002-budgettet. Kommissionen fremsetter snarest forslag herom.
- Rådets 2003-budget fastsættes til 432 mio. euro og Parlamentets til 1.087 mio. euro. Rådet anmoder Parlamentet om ved sin 2. læsning af budget-2003 at efterlade en margen på 30 mio. euro under loftet for de administrative udgifter til uforudsete udgifter bl.a. i lyset af forberedelsen af udvidelsen.
- Ændringsskrivelse nr. 3 til 2002-budgettet tiltrædes. Skrivelsen indbudgetterer bl.a. det forventede overskud på landbrugsområdet i 2002 på 2003-budgettet. På budgetforslaget for 2003 indbudgetteres et overskud på 1 mia. euro mod hidtil 0,5 mia. euro.
- Vækstraten for betalingsbevillinger i 2003 sammenlignet med det vedtagne budget for 2002 skal udgøre 1,9 pct. Dette skal Parlamentet respektere ved sin 2. læsning.
- Der blev tiltrådt erklæringer om:

- finansieringen af den fælles udenrigs- og sikkerhedspolitik, der specificerer Europa-Parlaments involvering på dette område under overholdelse af traktaten og den nuværende inter-institutionelle aftale herom.
- støtte til pilotprojekter i 2003 om samarbejde mellem små og mellemstore virksomheder i Unionens grænseegne, ældre menneskers mobilitet og samarbejde med 3. lande om immigration.
- eliminering af unormale udestående (ikke-indfrie) forpligtigelser.
- implementeringsprofilen for 2003-budgettet.
- Proceduren for den tekniske justering af de finansielle perspektiver efter udvikelsen.
- at kriterierne for udbetaling af katastrofeerstatninger fra EU's nyoprettede solidaritetsfond skal evalueres i 2003.
- at Kommissionens skal tage hensyn til en kommende rapport om dyrevelfærd ved transport af kvæg under udarbejdelsen af sit budgetforslag for 2004 for linien til eksport af levende kvæg.

2. Rådets 2. læsning af EU's budget for 2003

Rådets 2. læsning af budget-2003 blev vedtaget efter justering for konsekvenserne af den på samrådet indgåede aftale, jf. tabel i bilag. Rådets 2. læsning blev formelt godkendt som A-punkt på Rådsmødet (konkurrenceevne) den 26. november 2002.

- *Landbrugsområdet* reduceres med 394 mio. euro sammenlignet med Parlamentets 1. læsning. Til grund herfor lægges Kommissionens budgetforslag og skønnet for udviklingen i landbrugsudgifterne i ændringskrivelse nr. 3.
- For *strukturfondene* udgør forpligtelsesbevillinger aftalte udgiftsmål. Udgiftsloftet for disse overskrides med 12 mio. euro til omstrukturering af den portugisiske og spanske fiskeriflåde, som finansieres via fleksibilitetsinstrumentet, jf. indgået aftale under samrådet. Bevillingerne til betalingsbevillinger nedjusteres med 1,5 mia. euro sammenlignet med Parlamentets 1. læsning, begrundet i betalingsafløbet i tidligere år.
- EU's *interne politikker* beskæres med 95 mio. euro sammenlignet med Parlamentets 1. læsning. Til grund herfor lægges Rådets 1. læsning, ider der lægges vægt på realistisk budgettering mv. Sammenlignet med Rådets 1. læsning gives dog yderligere bevillinger til Marco Polo (transport), transeuropæiske netværk og Flygtningefonden.
- Bevillingerne til EU's *eksterne politikker* reduceres med 188 mio. euro sammenlignet med Parlamentets 1. læsning, hvor udgiftsloftet blev overskredet med 75 mio. euro. Reduktionen tager udgangspunkt i resultatet af Rådets 1. læsning, idet der dog gives ekstra bevillinger til internationale fiskeriaftaler i henhold til ændringskrivelse nr. 3, rydning af personelminer og Den Globale Sundhedsfond, jf. indgået aftale under samrådet. Reduktionerne er primært begrundet i realistisk budgettering og behovet for en margen til uforudsete udgifter. Bevillingerne til fødevarerhjælp og humanitær bistand reduceres, jf. aftalen om at fremrykke nødhjælp til Afrikas Horn til 2002.
- De *administrative udgifter* er fastlagt i henhold til resultatet af Rådets 1. læsning, idet der gives ekstra midler til Kommissionens udvidelsesforberedelser, justeres for lavere løn- og pensionsstigninger samt det ekstra budgetmæssige råderum, som den ved samrådet i juli aftalte mulighed for frontloading af udgifter til 2002 har tilvejebragt. Herudover respekteres den indgåede aftale om Rådet og Parlamentets budgetter. Dette resulterer i en margen på 65 mio. euro til uforudsete udgifter i lyset af udvik-

delsen.

- Forpligtelsesbevillinger til *fertiltrædelsesstøtte* fastholdes på det maksimale beløb i henhold til de fastsatte udgiftslofter, mens betalingsbevillinger i henhold til Rådets 1. læsning fastholdes 300 mio. euro lavere end Kommissionens budgetforslag grundet betalingsafløbet i tidligere år.

Europa-Parlamentets 2. læsning af EU's budget for 2003 finder sted i december. Hermed afsluttes budgetproceduren.

Bilag: EU-budgettet for 2003, udgifts rådet-7

Udgiftsområde / mill. EUR (løbende priser)	Budget 2002		Udgifts-loft-2003		Kommissionens budgetforslag-2003		Rådets 1. læsning		Parlamentets 1. læsning		Rådet 2. læsning	
	Forpligtelser	Betalinger	Forpligtelser	Betalinger	Forpligtelser	Betalinger	Forpligtelser	Betalinger	Forpligtelser	Betalinger	Forpligtelser	Betalinger
I. Landbrug	44.255	44.255	47.378	45.118	45.118	44.830	44.830	45.174	45.174	44.780	44.780	44.780
Landbrugsudgifter (ekskl. udv. af landdistrikter)												
B1-1 til B1-3	39.660	39.660	42.680	40.420	40.420	40.132	40.132	40.476	40.476	40.082	40.082	40.082
Udvikling af landdistrikter og ledagesforanstaltninger												
B1-4 og B1-5	4.595	4.595	4.698	4.698	4.698	4.698	4.698	4.698	4.698	4.698	4.698	4.698
2. Strukturforanstaltninger	33.838	32.129	33.968	33.538	33.995	33.968	33.013	33.995	34.521	33.980	33.023	33.023
Strukturfonde og strukturforanstaltninger												
B2-1	30.879	29.490	31.129	30.959	31.129	31.129	30.434	31.129	31.521	31.129	30.434	30.434
Omstrukturering af fiskeriflåde												
B2-2	170	39	27	79	2.839	0	79	27	90	12	89	89
Samhørighedsfonden												
B2-3	2.789	2.600			2.839	2.500	2.839	2.839	3.000	2.839	2.500	2.500
3. Interne politikker	7.157	6.157	6.796	6.715	6.132	6.674	6.112	6.793	6.233	6.698	6.121	6.121
Forskning og teknologisk udvikling												
B6	4.055	3.752	4.055	4.055	3.650	4.055	3.650	4.055	3.674	4.055	3.650	3.650
Solidaritetsfonden												
B2-4	599	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andre landbrugsforanstaltninger												
B2-5	55	61	42	64	64	42	64	42	64	44	64	64
Andre regionale foranstaltninger												
B2-6	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Transport												
B2-7	29	26	53	38	38	47	36	54	37	52	37	37
Andre foranstaltninger vedrørende fiskeri og havet												
B2-9	65	59	70	64	70	70	64	70	64	70	64	64
Uddannelse, erhvervsuddannelse og ungdom												
B3-1	523	523	554	512	512	551	511	563	516	551	511	511
Kultur og det audiovisuelle område												
B3-2	117	126	118	103	103	116	102	118	103	116	102	102
Information og kommunikation												
B3-3	102	114	92	87	90	86	117	108	108	90	86	86
Den sociale dimension og beskæftigelsen												
B3-4	158	141	172	154	171	153	181	162	171	153	153	153
Partistøtte												
B3-5	7	6	48	39	39	40	7	7	7	7	7	7
Energi												
B4-1	33	35	48	39	39	40	36	48	41	40	36	36
Euratoms nukleare sikkerhedskontrol												
B4-2	18	18	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
Miljø												
B4-3	196	141	231	203	203	230	202	237	207	230	202	202
Forbrugspolitik og beskyttelse af forbrugernes sundhed												
B5-1	23	20	23	20	20	23	20	23	20	23	20	20
Støtte til genopbygning												
B5-2	0,9	167	0,6	175	196	0,6	173	0,6	183	196	0,6	173
Det indre marked												
B5-3	185	62	200	103	103	196	173	208	183	196	173	173
Industri												
B5-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arbejdsmarkedet og teknisk innovation												
B5-5	105	129	103	129	129	103	115	142	103	129	103	129
Statistiske oplysninger												
B5-6	34	32	35	32	32	35	32	35	32	35	32	32
Transeuropæisk net												
B5-7	677	601	725	670	670	710	662	725	679	725	670	670
Område med frihed, sikkerhed og retfærdighed												
B5-8	143	136	146	144	144	146	144	154	153	149	144	144
Bekæmpelse af svig og støtteudgifter												
B5-9	6	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Reserve til kategori 3												

4. Foranstaltninger udadtil		4.873	4.665	4.972	4.912	4.692	4.892	4.681	5.047	4.951	4.859	4.664
Den Europæiske Udviklingsfond		B7-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fødevarerhjælp og støttestrømsforanstaltninger		B7-20	421	455	397	455	397	455	447	447	427	397
Humanitær bistand		B7-21	442	470	470	470	470	470	469	469	443	443
Samarbejde med udviklingslandene i Asien		B7-30	488	465	546	469	557	475	563	483	557	475
Samarbejde med udviklingslandene i Latinamerika		B7-31	347	318	330	295	324	292	337	304	324	292
Samarbejde med landene i det sydlige Afrika og Sydafrika		B7-32	125	148	127	128	127	128	127	153	127	128
Samarbejde med tredjelandene i Middelhavsområdet og i Nær- og Mellemøsten		B7-4	862	684	754	721	754	721	754	721	754	721
Den Europæiske Bank for Genopbygning og Udvikling		B7-51	0	8	0	8	0	8	0	8	0	8
Samarbejde med de nye uafhængige stater og Mongoliet (Tacs)		B7-52	474	543	502	497	490	491	507	515	490	491
Andre EF-aktioner til fordel for landene i Central- og Østeuropa, de nye uafhængige stater, Mongoliet og det vestlige Balkan		B7-53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Samarbejde med Balkanlandene (CARDS)		B7-54	765	782	685	775	685	775	695	785	685	775
Andre samarbejdsaktioner		B7-6	420	411	467	447	447	437	554	570	471	449
Europæisk initiativ for demokrati og menneskerettigheder		B7-7	104	101	89	90	89	90	106	108	89	90
Internationale fiskeritraler		B7-80	193	196	194	199	194	199	194	199	193	198
Eksterne aspekter af visse fællesskabspolitikker		B7-81 til B7-87	79	91	80	91	80	91	80	91	80	91
Den fælles udenrigs- og sikkerhedspolitik (PESC)		B8-0	35	30	40	48	48	48	30	35	48	50
Reserve til rubrik 4		B7-04 og B7-05	21	20	174	58	174	58	4	60	174	58
Førtitrædelssstrategi for middelhavslandene			5.178	5.178	5.436	5.436	5.365	5.362	5.362	5.362	5.316	5.316
Kommissionen			3.389	3.389	3561	3561	3511	3493	3493	3493	3445	3445
Europa-Parlamentet			1.035	1.035	1.052	1.052	1.052	1.087	1.087	1.087	1.087	1.087
Rådet			402	402	449	448	448	430	430	432	432	432
EU-retten			148	148	156	152	152	151	151	151	151	151
Revisionsretten			85	85	80	80	82	81	81	81	81	81
Det Økonomiske og Sociale Udvalg			78	78	88	88	88	82	82	81	81	81
Regionsudvalget			36	36	43	43	39	39	39	39	39	39
Ombudsmanden			4	4	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4
Databeskyttelseskontoret			1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Reserver			676	676	434	434	434	434	434	434	434	434
Monter reserve		B1-6	250	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garantireserve		B0-22 til B0-24	213	213	217	217	217	217	217	217	217	217
Nødhjælpsreserve		B7-91	213	213	217	217	217	217	217	217	217	217
7. Førtitrædelssstrøtte			3.457	2.595	3.386	2.857	3.386	2.557	3.386	3.256	3.386	2.557
Landbrug (Sapard)		B7-01	555	370	564	543	564	343	564	593	564	343
Det strukturpolitiske førtitrædelssinstrument (ISPA)		B7-02	1.109	704	1.129	768	1.129	668	1.129	818	1.129	668
Phare (ansøgerlandene)		B7-03	1.664	1.521	1.693	1.547	1.693	1.547	1.693	1.846	1.693	1.547
Bevillinger i alt			99.434	95.656	102.315	99.996	99.548	100.192	99.933	99.454	96.896	96.896

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**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Brussels, 25 November 2002

14802/02

**FIN 487
PE-L 117**

"A" ITEM NOTE

from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Council

Subject : Council second reading of the general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2003

1. At its meeting on 25 November 2002, the Ecofin Council reached an agreement on :
 - the establishment of the amending letter No 2 to the draft budget for 2003 on the basis of document 13901/02 FIN 438 + ADD 1, as amended by the conclusions of the 25 November 2002 conciliation meeting set out in ANNEX;
 - the establishment of the Council second reading of the general budget for 2003 on the basis of 13900/02 FIN 437 + ADD 1 + ADD 2, as amended by the conclusions of the 25 November 2002 conciliation meeting set out in ANNEX;
 - the mobilisation of the flexibility instrument for an amount of 12.008.240 euros for the financing of the restructuring of the Spanish and Portuguese fleet

2. The Council is invited to:

- confirm the outcome of the proceedings of the Ecofin Council of 25 November 2002;
- establish the amending letter No 2 to the draft budget for 2003 on the basis of the above mentioned elements;
- establish the Council second reading of the general budget for 2003 on the basis of the above mentioned elements;
- mandate the Presidency, assisted by the General Secretariat of the Council, to draw up the relevant budget documents and forward them to the European Parliament in accordance with the timetable established;
- record in its minutes the statements:
 - . annexed to document 13900/02, with the exception of statement No 3;
 - . in the conclusions of the conciliation meeting of 25 November 2002, set out in ANNEX to this document;

SUMMARY OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED DURING THE
CONCILIATION MEETING (ECOFIN COUNCIL OF 25 NOVEMBER 2002)

The budgetary authority agree:

a) Heading 1 (Agriculture)

- to accept the Amending Letter No. 3/2003 as proposed by the Commission
- to recall the declaration of the European Parliament and the Council on recovery of beef and veal export refunds agreed on 21/22 November 2001 (Annex 1 to ANNEX) and invite the Commission to take the conclusions of the requested report into account when preparing the PDB for 2004.

b) Heading 2 (Structural operations)

- to accept transfer n° 51/2002 of 14.991.760 euros in 2002 and to enter into the 2003 budget 12.008.240 euros on the line B2-200
- to mobilise the flexibility instrument for an amount of 12.008.240 euros in order to finance the restructuring of the Spanish and Portuguese fleet

c) Heading 3 (Internal Policies)

- to accept the Parliament's proposal for a joint declaration on pilot projects (Annex 2 to ANNEX)

d) Heading 4 (External action)

- to enter into the budget a total amount of 47,5 mio euros for CFSP securing the financing of the EU police mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina
- on a joint declaration on the financing of the CFSP (Annex 3 to ANNEX)
- to enter into the budget a total amount of 42 mio euros for the Global Health Fund
- to agree on a Joint Declaration on the Global Health Fund (Annex 4 to ANNEX)
- to accept the Amending Letter No. 3/2003 concerning International Fisheries Agreements as amended by the Commission (reduction of the reserve of 1,5 mio euros)
- to speed up implementation of aid for the Horn of Africa by using available means under the 2002-budget. This will reduce pressure in heading 4 in the 2003 budget with an amount of 27,5 mio euros on budget line B7-200 and by 27,5 mio euros on budget line B7-210 in the 2003 budget and the need for using the flexibility instrument in 2003. The Parliament and the Council will to this effect agree to implement an urgent procedure for aid up to 55 mio. euros in the 2002 budget based on the necessary proposal from the Commission containing the appropriate justification for the needs. This agreement is conditioned on agreement on point f) below
- if a situation arises that will necessitate the reinforcement of budget lines B7-200 and B7-210 in 2003, the budget authority will take the necessary action to reinforce these lines, using the most appropriate means available under the IIA, on a proposal from the Commission.

e) Heading 5 (Administrative expenditure)

- on the budgets of Section I (European Parliament) for an amount of 1.086.644.375 euros and Section II (Council) for an amount of 431.673.000 euros respecting the Gentlemen's Agreement
- The Council invites the Parliament to respect a total margin of 30 mio euros under Heading 5 to be left at the end of the 2003 budgetary procedure

f) Appropriations for payments

- on a rate of growth of the overall payment appropriations of 1,9 % based on the 2002 budget and SAB 1 to 5/2002, at the end of 2003 budgetary procedure

g) Balance

- to accept to enter an estimated provisional surplus for the financial year 2002 of 1.000 mio euros in the 2003 budget via the Amending Letter No. 3/2003

h) Other declarations

- on a joint declaration on the potentially abnormal RAL (Annex 5 to ANNEX)
- on a joint declaration concerning the implementation profile for the 2003 budget (Annex 6 to ANNEX)
- on a joint declaration concerning the financial consequences of enlargement (Annex 7 to ANNEX)
- on a joint declaration concerning SAB 5/2002 (Annex 8 to ANNEX)

Joint declaration on the recovery of beef and veal export refunds

The Parliament and the Council, recognising the importance of protection of animals during transport, request the Commission to submit to the budget authority an annual report by 31 May starting in 2002 on the implementation of and compliance with Community legislation and in particular on the recovery of refunds due to non-compliance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 615/1998 of 18 March 1998 laying down specific detailed rules of application for the export refund arrangements as regards the welfare of live bovine animals during transport (OJ L 82, 19.3.1998, p. 19).

Draft declaration on pilot projects

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission welcome the initiative to launch in accordance with art.37 of the IIA of 6 May 1999 pilot projects to test the feasibility of new actions, such as for example, to prepare SMEs for enlargement, the programme for the exchange of elderly people - Enea and the one on the cooperation with third countries on immigration.

The European Parliament and the Council ask the Commission to keep regularly informed on the initiatives taken for the implementation as well as an evaluation of those initiatives.

**Draft declaration of the European Parliament, Council and Commission on the financing of
the common foreign and security policy
in accordance with the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999**

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agree on the need to ensure the necessary funding for common foreign and security policy within the framework of the financial perspectives and in respect of the provisions of the Treaty, taking into account that the development of the common foreign and security policy is a priority for the European Union.

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission therefore agree that the budget of the common foreign and security policy should be dealt with in a transparent, efficient and operational manner.

While recalling paragraphs 39 and 40 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure (hereafter: "*the Interinstitutional Agreement*"), which remains fully applicable, the European Parliament and the Council agree the following:

- Each year, the Council establishes a document setting out the main aspects and basic choices of the common foreign and security policy, including financial implications for the General Budget of the European Union. The Council Presidency will consult the Parliament on this document as provided for in paragraph 40 of the Interinstitutional Agreement. The document will leave enough flexibility to react to newly emerging crises. It will be transmitted to Parliament before 15th June for the year in question.
- The Commission will continue to play its role in devising CFSP Joint Actions in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty, in particular as regards the financial and operational framework, including fact-finding and evaluation missions.
- Whenever Council adopts a decision in the field of the common foreign and security policy entailing expenditure, the Council will immediately and no later than five working days following the final decision send the European Parliament the information indicated in paragraph 40, subparagraph 2 of the Interinstitutional Agreement.
- The Presidency of the Council will in the context of the regular political dialogue with the President of the European Parliament and chairpersons of the European Parliament committee responsible for foreign affairs and security policy as well as the budget committee, whenever possible, give early warning on CFSP Joint Actions which might have important financial implications.
- In the event that Council foresees the adoption of a Joint Action that will require during the current financial year increased amounts on the common foreign and security policy budgetary appropriations, the Council will without delay enter into dialogue on that Joint Action with the Parliament with the aim of seeking a solution as a matter of urgency, on a proposal from the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the Interinstitutional Agreement.

Information and consultation of the European Parliament as provided for in paragraph 40 of the Interinstitutional Agreement will respect the necessary conditions of confidentiality, in particular the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament and the Council of 21 November 2002 concerning access by the European Parliament to sensitive information of the Council in the field of security and defence policy.

Joint declaration of
the European Parliament, Council and Commission
on the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria

European Parliament, Council and Commission agree that the European Union will do all is necessary to obtain a seat on the board of the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. To this aim, the budgetary authority agree to provide € 42 mio in the 2003 General Budget of the European Communities. The Commission secures that the same amount as provided through the 2003 General Budget a supplementary € 42 Mio will also be provided by the European Development Fund in 2003.

In the event, that the appropriations provided for under the initial 2003 General Budget and the European Development Fund prove to be insufficient, the Commission will take the necessary actions to maintain the seat on the board.

Draft declaration on potentially abnormal RAL
concerning an action plan to put an end to abnormal outstanding commitments

The Commission, Parliament and the Council share the same desire to bring the situation regarding outstanding commitments under control and to put an end to abnormal outstanding commitments. In this connection, they emphasise the fact that the amount of abnormal outstanding commitments can be reduced both by increasing payment appropriations and by paying and/or decommitting expenditure on a large scale. Potentially abnormal outstanding commitments are defined by common accord as being dormant commitments in respect of which no payment has been made for the last two financial years and old commitments that have been in the budget for at least five financial years.

The budgetary authority notes that the Commission undertakes to submit, at the latest at the same time as the preliminary draft budget for 2004, an action plan under which all potentially abnormal items in the budget at the beginning of the 2003 financial year will be examined. This plan will set out for each of the budget headings listed below:

- the number of potentially abnormal items as at 31 December 2002, together with the amounts involved;
- a schedule for examination on the following dates:
 - 31 March 2003
 - 31 July 2003
 - 31 December 2003

The budgetary authority will be notified of the outcome of the examination carried out on each of these dates and of the decisions taken on the items concerned (payment, closure, decommitment and special follow-up measures).

A working document setting out the situation as regards outstanding commitments (RAL), broken down by budget heading, will subsequently be forwarded each year to the budgetary authority at the same time as the preliminary draft budget. A second document, to be presented with PDB 2004, shall include a time-tabled plan for the elimination of abnormal outstanding commitments by the end of 2003. This document will also provide details of the action, which the Commission has taken to prevent abnormal outstanding commitments from re-emerging in the future. Following this exercise, the budgetary authority will examine whether these goals have been achieved and what measures should be taken for subsequent years. Finally, special reference will be made to any appropriations, broken down per Member State, falling under the N+2 rule and indicate the measures to be taken.

B2-100	European Agricultural and Guarantee Fund (objective 1)
B2-102	European Regional Development Fund (objective 1)
B2-103	European Social Fund (objective 1)
B2-110	European Regional Development Fund (objective 2)
B2-111	European Social Fund (objective 2)
B2-120	European Social Fund (objective 3)
B2-140	Leader
B2-141	Interreg
B2-142	EQUAL

B2-143	URBAN
B2-300	Cohesion Fund
B2-515	Forestry
B3-1001	Socrates
B3-1010	Youth
B3-1021	Leonardo da Vinci
B3-2008	Framework programme in support of culture
B3-2010	MediaPlus
B3-4308	Public Health
B4-3200	LIFE nature protection
B4-3201	LIFE environmental protection
B4-304	Legislation, awareness-raising and other general actions based on the Community action programmes in the field of the environment
B5-100	Community activities in favour of consumers
B5-303	Customs 2002
B5-334	Promotion of the European digital presence in global networks
B5-510	Programme for enterprise and entrepreneurship, particularly for SMEs and microenterprises
B5-511	Improvement of the financial environment for SMEs
B5-700	Financial support for projects of common interest in the trans-European transport network
B5-710	Financial support for energy infrastructures
B5-720	Trans-European telecommunications networks
B5-810	European Refugee Fund
B7-200	Products mobilised under the Food Aid Convention
B7-201	Other aid in the form of products, support operations and transport, distribution, flanking measures and measures to monitor implementation
B7-300	Financial and technical cooperation with Asian developing countries
B7-301	Political, economic and cultural cooperation with Asian developing countries
B7-302	Aid to uprooted people in Asian countries
B7-310	Financial and technical cooperation with Latin American developing countries
B7-311	Political, economic and cultural cooperation with Latin American developing countries
B7-313	Rehabilitation and reconstruction operations in developing countries in Latin America

B7-320	European programme for reconstruction and development (EPRD)
B7-410	MEDA
B7-420	Community operations connected with the Israel/PLO Peace Agreement
B7-520	Assistance to partner countries in eastern Europe and central Asia
B7-541	Assistance for the countries of the western Balkans
B7-542	Assistance for the democratisation process in the Fed. republic of Yugoslavia
B7-546	Aid for the reconstruction of Kosovo
B7-6000	Community contribution towards schemes concerning developing countries carried out by non-governmental organisations
B7-6200	Environment in the developing countries and tropical forests
B7-6211	Aid for poverty-related diseases (HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis) in developing countries
B7-6310	North-South cooperation schemes in the campaign against drug abuse
B7-6312	Aid for population and reproductive health care
B7-651	Coordination of development policy, evaluation of the results of Community aid and follow-up and inspection measures
B7-665	Cooperation with industrialised non-member countries
B7-7010	Development and consolidation of democracy and the rule of law - Respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms
B7-810	LIFE (European financial instrument for the environment) - Operations outside Community territory
B7-8710	Assistance to ACP banana producers
B7-01	SAPARD
B7-02	ISPA
B7-03	PHARE

Joint declaration of
the European Parliament, Council and Commission
concerning the implementation profile for the 2003 Budget

Parliament, the Council and the Commission recognise the Commission's responsibility for implementing the Community budget (Section III) and agree that its implementation should, as far as is possible, be spread out evenly over the year and that, in particular, a pile-up of implementation operations at the end of the year must be prevented.

The Commission will endeavour to implement the 2003 budget taking into account the implementation of the 2002 budget, and, where necessary, make efforts to improve it.

The Commission will forward the implementation plan for the 2003 budget, broken down by financial perspective heading, as early as possible in the year or, at the very latest, when presenting the 2004 preliminary draft budget. The implementation plan will include the implementation profiles for headings 2,3,4 and 7 of the financial perspective (for each heading as a whole) and for the budget chapters under those headings. It will also include the implementation profiles for the specific budgetary lines set out below and for preparatory actions and pilot projects. It will include commitment and payment forecasts for 31 March, 31 July, 31 October and for the full year.

Should implementation of one of the budget headings as at 31 July diverge significantly from the profile presented, or risk doing so, the Commission shall inform the budgetary authority, stating the reasons for the divergence and indicating the steps it intends to take in order to rectify the situation. Furthermore, the Commission will present a new, updated, implementation profile.

The Commission will also examine implementation as at 31 October, comparing it with the implementation profile, and inform the budgetary authority of the outcome.

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Draft joint declaration concerning financial consequences of enlargement

After the positive conclusion of the European Council in Copenhagen, the Commission should present, early in 2003, the proposal of adjustment of the financial perspectives according to point 25 of the IIA of 6 May 1999. The Parliament, the Commission and the Council agree that they will coordinate their work and exchange information in the aftermath of the Copenhagen European Council, and, in particular, that this point will be discussed in the context of the procedure for interinstitutional collaboration in budgetary matters as from the first informal triologue in February 2003 onwards.

After the positive conclusion of the European Council in Copenhagen, Council and Commission agree to inform Parliament as early as possible on developments in accession process with financial consequences on the European Union budget.

Draft joint Declaration concerning SAB 5/2002

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission welcome the accelerated procedure which has allowed for the timely adoption of the legal base for the European Union Solidarity Fund, the Interinstitutional Agreement relating to its financing, the Decision to mobilise the Solidarity Fund for the financial year 2002 and the Supplementary and Amending Budget 5 entering the appropriations in the 2002 budget.

The three institutions note that the methodology which the Commission has applied for the calculations of SAB 5, constitutes a point of reference but does not constitute a binding precedent for future decisions.

The three institutions agree to evaluate the actual implementation of the Fund and the methodology that the Commission has applied for the calculations of SAB 5, taking into account new situations arising, at the latest before the end of 2003.

