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On 16 October 2001, the Council compiled a Letter of Amendment 1/2002 to the Draft General Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2002 concerning Section III - Commission and Section VIII - the European Data Protection Supervisor. To recall, on 28 September 2001, the Commission sent the Letter of Amendment 1 to the Council concerning these issues in which it proposed a budget of EUR 1,793 million for the setting up of the European Data Protection Supervisor and the financing of the SIS II (EUR 1,526 million in order to cover the initial costs of the Data Protection Supervisor within Section VIII of the budget and EUR 0,267 million to cover additional human resources needed to carry out the new tasks related to the development of the Schengen Information System SIS II). The Council is of the opinion that the number of posts requested by the Commission was not necessary. This is why the figure have been reduced as have the corresponding appropriations for expenditure and own revenue. When the Data Protection Supervisor is named, the Council shall evaluate his needs in light of the responsibilities incumbent on him and the volume of work which he must undertake, allowing thus the progressive implementation of this new institution. Nevertheless, the Council accepted the Letter of Amendment as it stands for the part concerning the SIS II. In total, the amount of total expenditure provided by the Council for the totality of this rectifying letter is EUR 1,539 million.