Supplementary and amending budget 2/2001, section II Council

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The committee adopted the report by Markus FERBER (EPP-ED, D) proposing that Parliament approve draft Supplementary and Amending Budget (SAB) No. 2 to the 2001 budget concerning the Council. It repeated Parliament's position that administrative expenditure for the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) and the ESDP should be entered in the EU budget to ensure political scrutiny of those policies. It also noted that the Council undertook, at the trialogue of 29 March, to create in its 2002 budget a special title for administrative expenditure relating to the CFSP/ESDP. The committee pointed out that the margin for funding administrative expenditure (Category 5) was extremely small. It urged the Council to guarantee that no overlapping structures in the Council and the Commission would be created, especially concerning tasks of the first pillar, such as crisis prevention and civilian crisis management.