

Amending budget 3/2003: section III Commission

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The committee adopted the report by Göran FÄRM (PES, S) on Draft Amending Budget No. 1/2003 for the 2003 financial year. As regards the creation of a new budget line for an information campaign on "the role of Europe in the world" within the Prince programme, the committee noted that Parliament was in favour of the general idea of the proposal. However, it said that the most appropriate way to proceed, in order to ensure Parliament's involvement in the shaping of the political guidelines necessary for such a campaign, was for the Commission to make the appropriate proposals in the budget procedure for 2004 rather than introducing the campaign prematurely through an Amending Budget for 2003. On the question of financing the supplementary measure for scrapping fishing vessels, the report noted that there was currently no agreement within the Council and that consequently the Council had not retained this part of the proposal. The committee urged the Council to indicate how the reform of the fisheries sector would be financed and said that it was ready to study proposals on this matter, including "the use of the means foreseen in the IIA of 6 May 1999". Lastly, MEPs agreed with the proposal to change the title and remarks of budget line A-3014 (European master's courses in human rights and democratisation) so as to harmonise it with other beneficiaries under that chapter.