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This document consists of a letter from the European Commission which states that in accordance with Article 272(9) of the EC Treaty, the maximum rate of increase for "non-compulsory" expenditure is as follows : - 2.7% for the initial 2004 budget based on 15 Member States and - 8.0% for the 2004 budget of the enlarged union of 25 Member States.