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PURPOSE : to present the amending letter No 3 to the preliminary draft budget for 2004 (statement of revenue and expenditure for all the institutions). CONTENT : in the light of the outcome of the Conciliation Committee and in accordance with the political agreement reached in the Council on 29 September 2003, the Commission proposal adopted on 15 October 2003, provides for the creation of a new temporary measure entitled "Special levy" for a period beginning on 1 January 2004 and ending on 30 April 2004 (please refer to CNS/2003/0241). The basic difference between this new levy and the old temporary contribution, which expired on 30 June 2003, is the rate, which is no longer fixed but varies from 2.50% in 2004 to 5.50% in 2011, following the entering into force of the Regulation modifying the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities. In order to have an appropriate structure to accommodate the revenue deriving from this new levy, this amending letter enters a specific budget line in the general statement of revenue and in the relevant section for each institution and in the annex for each administrative office.