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Having regard to:

- the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 272 thereof,
- the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 177 thereof,
- Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities¹, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1525/2007², and in particular Article 37 thereof,

the European Commission hereby presents to the budgetary authority the Preliminary Draft Amending Budget No 9 to the 2008 budget.

¹ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

² OJ L 343, 27.12.2007, p. 9.

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CHANGES TO THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BY SECTION

The changes to the general statement of revenue and to the statement of revenue and expenditure by section are being forwarded separately via the SEI-BUD system. An English version of the changes to the general statement of revenue and to statement of revenue and expenditure by section is attached for information as a budgetary annex.

1. INTRODUCTION

Preliminary Draft Amending Budget (PDAB) No 9 for the year 2008 concerns only the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and covers the budgetary adjustments resulting from the fact that the increase in salaries and pensions was lower than that used as a basis for drawing up the 2008 preliminary draft.

2. PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST

The Preliminary Draft Budget (PDB) for 2008 presented by the EESC was based on an estimate of a 2.2% increase for pay and pensions (Commission memo of 14 February 2007).

On 17 December 2007 the Council, acting on a Commission proposal, adopted Regulation No 1558/2007 increasing with effect from 1 July 2007 the remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Communities by 1%. This is the increase that was applied to pay and pensions in 2007.

However, after the submission of the Commission proposal to the Council, Italy communicated new data concerning the increase in the remuneration of its civil servants with effect from 1 February 2007. Therefore the Commission presented a revised proposal increasing pay and pensions by a further 0.4% with effect from 1 July 2007.

The consequence for 2008 is that appropriations for pay and pensions can be reduced by about 0.6%. This is the result of two technical adjustments:

- the reduction of pay and pensions expenditure by about 0.8% due to the difference between the 2.2% estimated increase and the 1.4% actual increase;
- the increase of pay and pensions expenditure by about 0.2% due to the one-off backdated payment of 0.4% for the last six months of 2007.

3. IMPACT ON THE BUDGET

According to the EESC's estimates, the impact on the budget resulting from the adjustment of salaries will come to €318 262 in expenditure and €48 265 in revenue. The effect on pensions is reflected in the Commission budget and has already been adjusted in amending budget No 3.³ Only the indirect effect on revenue (contributions to the pension scheme) is contained in this PDAB for the EESC. The breakdown is shown in the table below.

- The 0.8% reduction in expenditure on remunerations comes to €430 648
- The 0.2% increase in expenditure on remunerations comes to €12 386.

³ OJ L 208, 5.8.2008, p. 2.

PROPOSAL FOR AN AMENDING BUDGET FOR THE EESC

2008 – non-compulsory expenditure*

	Article	Initial appropriation incl. transfers	Commitments entered into	Payments	Appropriations available for commitments	PDAB	Appropriations available after PDAB
120	Remuneration and other entitlements	57 708 841	55 775 000	32 477 242	1 933 841	-294 885	1 638 956
129	Provisional appropriation	883 902	0	0	883 902	-7 054	876 848
140	Other staff and externals	2 415 274	2 131 802	1 261 276	283 472	-16 323	267 149
					TOTAL	-318 262	

* (Budgetary situation at 16/07/2008)

2008 - Revenue

	Article	Forecasts for the year	Amounts received	PDAB	Forecasts for the year after PDAB
400	Proceeds from taxation on the salaries, wages and allowances of Members of the institution, officials, other servants and recipients of pensions	4 257 886	2 248 294	-21 289	4 236 597
404	Proceeds from the special levy on the salaries of Members of the institutions, officials and other servants in active employment	544 034	289 739	-2 721	541 313
410	Staff contributions to the pension scheme	4 851 062	2 660 863	-24 255	4 826 807
			TOTAL	-48 265	

SUMMARY TABLE BY HEADING OF THE FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

Financial framework Heading/subheading	2008 Financial framework		Budget 2008 (incl. AB 1-5/2008 and PDAB 6-8/2008)		PDAB 9/2008		Budget 2008 + AB 1-5/2008 and PDAB 6-9/2008	
	CA	PA	CA	PA	CA	PA	CA	PA
1. SUSTAINABLE GROWTH								
1a. Competitiveness for growth and employment	10 386 000 000		11 086 000 000	9 768 739 600			11 086 000 000	9 768 739 600
1b. Cohesion for growth and employment	47 267 000 000		47 255 948 720	40 538 785 026			47 255 948 720	40 538 785 026
	57 653 000 000		58 341 948 720 -188 948 720	50 307 524 626			58 341 948 720 -188 948 720	50 307 524 626
2. PRESERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES								
Of which market related expenditure and direct payments	46 217 000 000		41 006 490 000	40 889 550 500			41 006 490 000	40 889 550 500
	59 193 000 000		55 564 715 538 3 628 284 462	53 241 270 053			55 564 715 538 3 628 284 462	53 241 270 053
3. CITIZENSHIP, FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE								
3a. Freedom, Security and Justice	747 000 000		730 274 000	533 196 000			730 274 000	533 196 000
3b. Citizenship	615 000 000		888 034 197	981 444 203			888 034 197	981 444 203
	1 362 000 000		1 618 308 197 16 883 000	1 514 640 203			1 618 308 197 16 883 000	1 514 640 203
4. EU AS A GLOBAL PLAYER⁶								
	7 002 000 000		7 311 218 000 -70 000 000	8 112 728 400			7 311 218 000 -70 000 000	8 112 728 400
5. ADMINISTRATION⁷								
	7 380 000 000		7 279 525 455 177 474 545	7 280 085 455	-318 262	-318 262	7 279 207 193 177 792 807	7 279 767 193
6. COMPENSATION								
	207 000 000		206 636 292 363 708	206 636 292			206 636 292 363 708	206 636 292
	132 797 000 000	129 681 000 000	130 322 352 202 3 564 056 995	120 662 885 029 9 573 450 956	-318 262	-318 262	130 322 033 940 3 564 375 257	120 662 566 767 9 573 769 218

⁴ The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) is not included in the calculation of the margin under Heading 1a. The Flexibility Instrument has been mobilised for an amount of EUR 200 million.

⁵ The European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) amount is entered over and above the relevant headings as foreseen by the IIA of 17 May 2006 (OJ C 139 of 14.6.2006).

⁶ The 2008 margin for heading 4 does not take into account the appropriations related to the Emergency Aid Reserve. The Flexibility Instrument has been mobilised for an amount of EUR 70 million.

⁷ For calculating the margin under the ceiling for heading 5, account is taken of the footnote (1) of the financial framework 2007-2013 for an amount of EUR 77 million for the staff contributions to the pensions scheme.