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BUDGET COMMITTEE: 13 JUNE
1985 PRELIMINARY DRAFT BUDGET

1. IN A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION, GERMAN, FRENCH, UK AND NETHERLANDS DELEGATIONS SAID THAT THE 1985 BUDGET SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE EXISTING CEILING FOR OWN RESOURCES. BELGIAN DELEGATION INDICATED THAT CURRENT REGULATIONS SHOULD BE ADHERED TO. ITALIAN AND GREEK DELEGATIONS SAID EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE THE DETERMINING FACTOR. OTHER DELEGATIONS DID NOT EXPRESS A VIEW.

2. VAN CRAEYENEST (COUNCIL LEGAL SERVICES) SAID ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT UNTIL A NEW DECISION ON OWN RESOURCES CAME INTO FORCE, INCLUDING RATIFICATION BY MEMBER STATES, A BUDGET COULD NOT BE ADOPTED WHICH ANTICIPATED A CHANGE. HE THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD ALSO APPLY TO THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT BUDGET AND THE DRAFT BUDGET.

COMMENT

3. THE EXTENT TO WHICH DELEGATIONS WERE STATING CONSIDERED NATIONAL POSITIONS IS UNCERTAIN AT THIS STAGE, BUT WHEN PRESIDENCY SUMMED UP THAT AT LEAST FOUR DELEGATIONS WERE OPPOSED TO A BUDGET GOING ABOVE THE 1 PERCENT CEILING THERE WAS NO DISSENT.

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