

Procedure file

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	BUDG Budgets	PPE-DE BÖGE Reimer	20/09/2004
Council of the European Union European Commission	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs	PPE-DE SALAFRANCA SÁNCHEZ-NEYRA José Ignacio	13/09/2004
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Key events			
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06/12/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
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14/12/2004	Debate in Parliament		
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PURPOSE : to mobilise the flexibility instrument in favour of the reconstruction of Iraq.

PROPOSED ACT : Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT : The Commission proposes to continue the support to the stabilisation and reconstruction process in Iraq initiated in 2003 and 2004 as one of its key external responsibility priorities in 2005. For that purpose, an amount of EUR 200 is set aside in the 2005 budget, of which 190 millions to be implemented under the article 19 08 07 "Aid for rehabilitation and reconstruction of Iraq" and EUR 10 million under the article 19 04 03 "Development and consolidation of democracy and the rule of law ? Respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms". These amounts will be financed by redeployment and mobilisation of the margin existing under the ceiling of Heading 4 "External actions" of the financial perspective, and by mobilising the flexibility instrument for an amount of EUR 115 million.

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The committee adopted the report by Reimer BÖGE (EPP-ED, DE) approving the decision to mobilise the flexibility instrument to the tune of EUR 185 million to help finance the extension of the PEACE II programme in Northern Ireland, the subsidies to the decentralised agencies and the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Iraq.

While stressing its support for financing the PEACE II programme, the committee pointed out that a revision of the financial perspective sub-ceilings within heading 2, as originally proposed by the Commission, could have been an alternative solution. It added that the fact that the flexibility instrument was having to be mobilised for the decentralised agencies in heading 3 showed the need to reach a "structural solution" to the ever-increasing volume of funding needed for these agencies and the need to reconcile this with needs for other political priorities in the internal policies field. Lastly, MEPs stressed that the flexibility instrument had been mobilised for the 5th consecutive year for heading 4 as the needs arising from international crises since 2000 could not be financed within the initial ceiling of this heading.

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the draft by Reimer BOGE (EPP-ED, DE). (Please refer to the summary of 06/12/2004).

