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"Gentleman-aftale"

Til underretning for Folketingets Europaudvalg vedlægges Finansministeriets besvarelse af spørgsmål nr. 15 ad EEU alm. del af 4. december 2012 vedrørende "Gentleman-aftale" mellem Rådet og EU-parlamentet fra 1970.

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Svar på Europaudvalgets spørgsmål nr. 15 (EUU alm. del) af 4.
december 2012 stillet efter ønske fra Nikolaj Villumsen (EL)

Spørgsmål

Finansministeren bedes på baggrund af svaret på spørgsmål S 312 af 26. oktober 2012 oversende en dansk eller engelsk udgave af den omtalte "gentleman-aftale" mellem Rådet og EU-parlamentet fra 1970 jvf. <http://www.ft.dk/samling/20121-spoergsmaal/s312/svar/916356/1173963.pdf>

Svar

"Gentleman-aftalen" antog oprindeligt form af en ensidig rådsbeslutning, hvorefter Rådet forpligtede sig til ikke at ændre Europa-Parlamentets budget(forslag). Der henvises til punkt 1 i vedlagte engelske udgave af Rådets beslutninger og erklæringer som optaget i referatet fra Rådets møde den 22. april 1970.

Indtil begyndelsen af 2009 er "gentleman-aftalen" blevet praktiseret af Rådet og Europa-Parlamentet såvel formelt i form af fælles erklæringsafgivelse som reelt i forhandlinger om budgetspørgsmål. Med denne aftale afholdt de to institutioner sig fra at blande sig i hinandens administrative budgetter. Som én af aftalens konsekvenser var Parlamentets årlige decharge-behandling af Rådets regnskab gennem en lang årrække baseret på uformelle drøftelser mellem de to institutioner om Rådets budgetgennemførelse.

Med venlig hilsen

Bjarne Corydon

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I — RESOLUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS
RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL ON 22 APRIL 1970

Resolutions

1. Resolution relating to the section of the budget concerning the European Parliament for the period referred to in Article 78a of the ECSC Treaty, Article 203a of the EEC Treaty and Article 177a of the EAEC Treaty

The Council undertakes to make no amendments to the estimate of expenditure of the European Parliament. This undertaking shall only be binding in so far as this estimate of expenditure does not conflict with Community provisions, in particular with regard to the Staff Regulations of officials and Conditions of Employment of other servants, and to the seat of the institutions.

2. Resolution relating to Community acts having financial implications and to cooperation between the Council and the European Parliament

In order to provide the European Parliament with such information as will enable it to give its opinion on Community acts having financial implications, the Council shall invite the Commission to append to the proposals which it forwards to the European Parliament estimates of the financial implications of those acts.

The Council undertakes to maintain the closest cooperation with the European Parliament in the examination of such acts and to explain to it such reasons as may have led it to depart from the European Parliament's opinion.

3. Resolution on cooperation between the Council and the European Parliament in matters of budgetary procedure

In matters of budgetary procedure everything possible should be done by common agreement between the Council and the European Parliament

to ensure close cooperation at all levels between the two institutions; in particular the President in office or another member of the Council should be present at the deliberations of the European Parliament on the draft budget.