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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council position on draft amending budget No 3 to the general budget for 2018: Extension of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey – <i>Adoption</i>

1. On 23 May 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 3 to the general budget for 2018.

This DAB provides the financing in 2018 of the extension of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey for an amount of EUR 500 million in commitment appropriations to be channelled through the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance. The corresponding appropriations are to be recorded under budget line 22 02 03 02 (*Support to Turkey - Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis*).

2. On 25 May and 5 June 2018, the Budget Committee examined the Commission proposal and could not reach an agreement by a qualified majority of Member States on the Council's position on this DAB.

3. In the context of the discussions on the financing of the second tranche of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey, the Permanent Representatives Committee on 7 June 2018, was able to reach a qualified majority on draft amending budget (DAB) No 3/2018, as proposed by the Commission.
4. Therefore, the Permanent Representatives Committee, is suggested to confirm, by a qualified majority¹, the agreement reached and to advise the Council to:
- adopt the Council's position on DAB No 3/2018 as set out in point 3;
 - instruct the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and to approve the draft letter in Annex 2 to that effect;
 - have the Council's position published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* as set out in Annex 1;
 - record in its minutes the unilateral statement by Italy set out in Annex 3.
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¹ IT and PL voting against, and CZ and RO abstaining.

COUNCIL DECISION

adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 3 of the European Union for the financial year 2018

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 314 thereof, in conjunction with the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002¹ and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2018 was definitively adopted on 30 November 2017²,
- on 23 May 2018, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 3 to the general budget for the financial year 2018,
- so as to be able to cover funding needs related to the extension of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey and thus ensure continuity, draft amending budget No 3 to the general budget for 2018 needs to be adopted without delay. Therefore, it is justified to shorten, in accordance with Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, the eight-week period for the information of national Parliaments laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1,

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 57, 28.2.2018, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 3 of the European Union for the financial year 2018 was adopted on 22 June 2018.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>.

Done at Luxembourg, on 22 June 2018.

*For the Council
The President*

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

I am forwarding under separate cover the Council's position on draft amending budget No 3 for the financial year 2018¹, adopted by the Council on 22 June 2018.

(Complimentary close).

¹ Doc. 9713/18.

Unilateral statement by Italy
on the adoption of Council's position on draft amending budget No 3/2018

"Italy maintains its reservation on the decision to approve the draft amending budget No 3/2018 ("DAB 3/2018"), to the extent that a final agreement between Member States in COREPER on the overall financing modalities for the second tranche of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey ("Facility"), which requires unanimity, is still pending.

The decision to approve DAB 3/2018 attempts to create a de facto budgetary basis for the scheme of repartition between EU budget and Member States contributions related to the financing of the second tranche of the Facility.

Italy expresses concerns for a decision that could bypass, with an amendment to the annual budget of merely procedural nature, the general framework at the basis of the Facility."
