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THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

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from: Budget Committee  
to: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Discharge to be given to the joint undertakings in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2011  
- Draft Council recommendations

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1. In accordance with 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 1605/2002<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 208(2) thereof, and the financial rules of each joint undertaking, the Council is required to draw up recommendations to the European Parliament on a discharge to be given to the joint undertakings.
2. At its meetings on 15, 21 and 23 January 2013, the Budget Committee examined the seven specific annual reports<sup>2</sup> of the European Court of Auditors related to joint undertakings, and reached an agreement on the draft texts as set out in the Addendum.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 6, 10.1.2013.

3. The Budget Committee advises the Permanent Representatives Committee to suggest that the Council:

- adopt the draft recommendations as set out in the Addendum to this note; and
- arrange for them to be forwarded to the European Parliament and to approve the draft letter in the Annex to that effect.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 208(2) of 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 1605/2002, and the financial rules of each joint undertaking, I am forwarding under separate cover<sup>1</sup> the Council recommendations of 12 February 2013 on the discharge to be given to the joint undertakings in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2011.

[Complimentary close].

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 5755/13 FIN 47 PE-L 7 + ADD 1.