



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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INST 183
PE-L 26**

"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : Budget Committee
to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. Cion prop. : 8475/13 FIN 192

Subject : Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 07/2013 within Section III -
Commission - of the general budget for 2013

1. On 16 April 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 07/2013.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 65 million in commitment and EUR 19.5 million in payment appropriations from Article 40 02 42 (*Emergency aid reserve*) to Article 23 02 01 (*Humanitarian aid*), as recorded in document 8475/13 FIN 192.

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to provide humanitarian assistance to respond to the increased needs in the crisis in Syria with an amount of EUR 65 million.
3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 19 April 2013.

4. In accordance with the provisions of Point 25 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, a simplified trilogue was held on the Commission proposal.
5. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
 - the proposed transfer of appropriations;
 - the draft letter in ANNEX to that effect.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council
to : President of the Commission
copy : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Articles 27 and 29(2) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 07/2013 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2013.

(Complimentary close).

¹ 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.