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NOTE

From:	Presidency
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Draft amending budget No 7 to the general budget for 2013

1. On 25 July 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 7/2013 proposing to increase commitment appropriations under sub-heading 1b (*Cohesion for growth and employment*) by EUR 150 million in 2013. This amount aims at reinforcing appropriations for the European Social Fund in favour of France, Italy and Spain, in order to tackle youth unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, and has been agreed in the context of the MFF negotiations in the margin of the European Council of 27/28 June 2013¹. This DAB is accompanied by a proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for an amount of EUR 134 million².
2. The Budget Committee examined the Commission proposals at its meetings on 3 and 17 September. During the discussions some Member States still had concerns about these proposals. Therefore, the Budget Committee could not reach an agreement.

¹ Doc. EUCO 105/13.

² Doc. 12770/13 FIN 482.

3. The Permanent Representative Committee is therefore invited to reach an agreement on DAB No 7/2013, as set out in document 12769/13, and on the accompanying proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument, as set out in document 12770/13.
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