



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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PE-L 80**

"A" ITEM NOTE

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| From: | Permanent Representatives Committee |
| To: | Council |
| No. prev. doc.: | 13902/13 FIN 551 |
| No. Cion doc.: | 12769/13 FIN 481 - COM(2013) 557 final |
| Subject: | Draft amending budget No 7 to the general budget for 2013 - Statement of expenditure by Section - Section III - Commission |

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. In parallel, it submitted 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.

¹ Doc. EUCO 105/13.

² Doc. 12770/13.

2. On 25 September 2013, the Permanent Representatives Committee reached an agreement, by a qualified majority¹, on DAB No 7/2013 and on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument as proposed by the Commission.
 3. Therefore, the Council is invited to:
 - confirm the agreement on DAB No 7/2013 and to consequently adopt the Council's position on DAB No 7/2013, as set out above;
 - 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, as set out in Annex 1, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
 - enter into the Council's minutes the unilateral declaration by Austria recorded in Annex 3.
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¹ SE and UK abstaining, and NL voting against.

COUNCIL DECISION

adopting the Council position on draft amending budget No 7 of the European Union for the financial year 2013

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 and Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC, 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 2013 was definitively adopted on 12 December 2012²,
- on 25 July 2013, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 7 to the general budget for the financial year 2013,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 66, 8.3.2013, p. 1, with Corrigendum in OJ L 134, 18.5.2013, p. 21.

Sole Article

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 7 of the European Union for the financial year 2013 was adopted on 7 October 2013.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website:
<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>.

Done in Luxembourg, on 7 October 2013.

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 7 for the financial year 2013¹, adopted by the Council on 7 October 2013.

(Complimentary close).

¹ Doc. 14180/13 + ADD 1.

UNILATERAL DECLARATION BY AUSTRIA

"Austria takes its decision on amending budget No 7/2013 without prejudice to the financing of any deployments of the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) in the future.

In this context Austria underlines that the decision for its position on amending budget No 5/2013 was taken based on the information from the European Commission in document COM(2013) 258, assuming that the payment appropriations for the deployment of the EUSF are financed from the existing margin under the payments ceiling of the multiannual financial framework."
