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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From: Presidency
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Draft amending budget No 8 to the general budget for 2013
- Information to national Parliaments

1. On 26 September 2013, the Commission submitted draft amending budget (DAB) No 8 to the general budget for 2013.

2. In order to allow the Council to adopt a position on DAB No 8/2013¹ without delay², the Council has to decide to shorten, in accordance with Article 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure, the eight-week period, as well as the ten-day period laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union.
3. National Parliaments have to be informed thereof.
4. Accordingly, the Permanent Representatives Committee is requested to suggest that the Council:
 - decide, on the basis of Article 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure, to shorten the eight-week period for the information of national Parliaments, as well as the ten-day period foreseen for placing the item on the Council's provisional agenda laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union;
 - approve the attached communication to be addressed to national Parliaments by the General Secretariat of the Council.

¹ The Council position on DAB No 8/2013 shall contain a recital stating that "*given the fact that draft amending budget No 8 to the general budget for 2013 needs to be adopted without delay, 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, as well as the ten-day period foreseen for placing the item on the Council's provisional agenda laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1.*"

² In line with the political agreement reached between the Presidents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the multiannual financial framework for 2014-2020 which states that: "*The Council commits to take all necessary additional steps to ensure that the Union's obligations for 2013 are fully honoured. On the basis of a proposal to be made by the Commission in early autumn on the basis of the latest updated estimates regarding payment appropriations, the Council commits to decide, without delay, on a further draft amending budget to avoid any shortfall in justified payment appropriations*". By adopting its positions on DAB No 8/2013 and DAB No 9/2013 jointly, the Council intends to ensure that all necessary payment appropriations are available to the Commission to honour all the Union's obligations due to be paid before the end of this year.

DRAFT COMMUNICATION

To: National Parliaments

I would like to draw to your attention to the fact that draft amending budget No 8/2013 submitted by the Commission on 26 September 2013 needs to be adopted without delay.

In this perspective, the Council wishes to inform national Parliaments that, in accordance with Article 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure, it has to shorten the eight-week period, as well as the ten-day period laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union, in order to be able to adopt a position on draft amending budget No 8/2013 as soon as possible.

The Council trusts that the urgency of the matter will be widely understood and shared by national Parliaments.

(complementary close)
