



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

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from: Presidency  
to: Coreper (part 2)/Council  
Subject: Draft Amending Budget 10/2010  
= Information to National Parliaments

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1. On 20 October 2010, the Commission submitted a draft amending budget (DAB) n° 10 for 2010.
2. With a view to adopting a position on this proposal on 10 December 2010<sup>1</sup>, the Council has to decide, considering the urgency of the matter, to shorten to seven weeks, in accordance with Article 3(3) of its Rules of procedure, the eight-week period as well as the ten days period laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of National Parliaments in the European Union.

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<sup>1</sup> The Council position on the draft amending budget 10/2010 will have to contain a recital stating that "*given the fact that draft amending budget n° 10 for 2010 needs to be implemented within financial year 2010 for reasons of sound financial management, it is justified to shorten the eight-week period laid down in Article 4 of the Protocol n° 1 for the information of the National Parliaments, as well as the ten-day period for the placing of the item on the Council's provisional agenda, in accordance with Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of procedure*".

3. National parliaments have to be informed thereof.
  
4. Accordingly, the **Permanent Representatives Committee** is requested to suggest that, as an "A" item on the agenda for one of its forthcoming meetings, the **Council** :
  - decides to shorten to seven weeks the eight-week period, as well as the ten days period referred to above in accordance with Article 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure;
  - approves the attached communication to be addressed to National Parliaments by the General Secretariat of the Council.

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ANNEX

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**COMMUNICATION**

**INFORMATION TO MEMBER STATES' PARLIAMENTS**

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**Draft Amending Budget 10/2010**

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I would like to draw to your attention the fact that draft amending budget n° 10 for 2010 submitted by the Commission on 20 October needs to be implemented within financial year 2010 for reasons of sound financial management.

In this perspective, the Council wishes to inform National Parliaments that it has to shorten to seven weeks, in accordance with Article 3(3) of its Rules of procedure, the eight-week period laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of National Parliaments in the European Union and to adopt a position on the proposal for a draft amending budget n° 10/2010 on 10 December 2010.

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

For the Secretary-General

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