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Subject **Draft budget 2011**

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As you know, the Conciliation Committee convened in the framework of the budgetary procedure<sup>1</sup> could not reach agreement on the draft budget 2011 submitted by the Commission on 16 June 2010. This has led to a new draft budget being submitted by the Commission on the basis of Article 314(8) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union. The new draft reproduces substantially the position, as published in OJ C 222 of 17 August 2010, which the Council adopted on the original Commission proposal and which had been previously forwarded to you.

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<sup>1</sup> See article 314 (5) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union.

The Council considers that there is a chance to avoid the major disruption in the activities of the European Union that the absence of an EU budget would entail as from 1 January 2011, provided that very swift action is taken by all actors. In this perspective, the Council wishes to inform National Parliaments that it has to shorten, 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 and adopt a position on the new proposal for a draft budget 2011 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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