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Subject **Draft budget 2012**

The attention of National Parliaments is drawn to the fact that draft amending budget No 7/2011 submitted by the Commission on 21 November needs to be implemented within the financial year 2011 for reasons of sound financial management.

In this perspective, the Council wishes to inform National Parliaments that it has to shorten the eight-weeks period laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of National Parliaments in the European Union, as well as the ten-days period referred to in Article 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure, in order to be able to adopt a position on draft amending budget on 30 November 2011.

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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