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NOTE

from:	Presidency
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee / General Affairs Council
Subject:	Multiannual Financial Framework (2014-2020) - Questionnaire on the main priorities and the budgetary framework, including the overall amounts

On 29 June 2011, the Commission submitted a communication accompanied by legislative proposals relating to the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020 as well as to the Own Resources system of the European Union. During the second semester 2011, the Council carried out intensive preparatory work on the future financial framework, covering all areas of expenditure as well as the resources side. The Polish Presidency summarised the outcome of this work in a report it submitted in December (doc. 17448/1/11).

Following this clarification phase, discussions at Council level should serve to narrow gaps between delegations' positions on the key issues and, where possible, reconcile them, in order to meet the ambitious mandate given to the Presidency by the European Council on 9 December 2011.

In order to further consolidate the approach to the overall MFF package and lay the grounds for further detailed discussions during this semester, the Presidency proposes to focus the General Affairs Council on 27 January 2012 on the main priorities and the budgetary framework, including the overall amounts.

1. Based on the Commission proposal, the Presidency wishes to draw the overall picture of where the main challenges for the negotiations lie and where convergence of views may be found within the global package.

- ***What are delegations' main priorities within the overall package relating to the 2014-2020 MFF?***

2. Based on the Commission proposal, the Presidency wishes to have better knowledge of positions both as regards the overall figures and as regards the specific figures per heading as well as for expenditure which the Commission proposes to put outside the MFF.

- ***Do delegations agree with the overall amounts proposed by the Commission for the 2014-2020 MFF? If not, what level would they find appropriate? What consequences would that have for individual headings and expenditure proposed to be outside the MFF?***

MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK (EU-27)

(EUR million - 2011 prices)

COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total 2014-2020
1. Smart and Inclusive Growth	64.696	66.580	68.133	69.956	71.596	73.768	76.179	490.908
of which: Economic, social and territorial cohesion	50.468	51.543	52.542	53.609	54.798	55.955	57.105	376.020
2. Sustainable Growth: Natural Resources	57.386	56.527	55.702	54.861	53.837	52.829	51.784	382.927
of which: Market related expenditure and direct payments	42.244	41.623	41.029	40.420	39.618	38.831	38.060	281.825
3. Security and citizenship	2.532	2.571	2.609	2.648	2.687	2.726	2.763	18.535
4. Global Europe	9.400	9.645	9.845	9.960	10.150	10.380	10.620	70.000
5. Administration	8.542	8.679	8.796	8.943	9.073	9.225	9.371	62.629
of which: Administrative expenditure of the institutions	6.967	7.039	7.108	7.191	7.288	7.385	7.485	50.464
TOTAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS	142.556	144.002	145.085	146.368	147.344	148.928	150.718	1.025.000
as a percentage of GNI	1,08%	1,07%	1,06%	1,06%	1,05%	1,04%	1,03%	1,05%
TOTAL PAYMENT APPROPRIATIONS	133.851	141.278	135.516	138.396	142.247	142.916	137.994	972.198
as a percentage of GNI	1,01%	1,05%	0,99%	1,00%	1,01%	1,00%	0,94%	1,00%
OUTSIDE THE MFF								
Emergency Aid Reserve	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	2.450
European Globalisation Fund	429	429	429	429	429	429	429	3.000
Solidarity Fund	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	7.000
Flexibility instrument	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	3.500
Reserve for crises in the agricultural sector	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	3.500
ITER	886	624	299	291	261	232	114	2.707
GMES	834	834	834	834	834	834	834	5.841
EDF ACP	3.271	4.300	4.348	4.407	4.475	4.554	4.644	29.998
EDF OCT	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	321
Global Climate and Biodiversity Fund	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
TOTAL OUTSIDE THE MFF	7.815	8.583	8.306	8.357	8.395	8.445	8.416	58.316
TOTAL MFF + OUTSIDE MFF	150.371	152.585	153.391	154.725	155.739	157.372	159.134	1.083.316
as a percentage of GNI	1,13%	1,13%	1,12%	1,12%	1,11%	1,10%	1,09%	1,11%