



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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INST 289
PE-L 23**

"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : Budget Committee
to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. Cion prop. : 8815/12 FIN 269

Subject : Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC06/2012 within Section III -
Commission - of the general budget for 2012

1. The Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC06/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012.

The purpose of this proposal is to reinforce Article 23 02 02 (*Food aid*) with EUR 25 million in commitment appropriations from Article 40 02 42 (*Emergency aid reserve*), as recorded in document 8815/12 FIN 269.

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to reinforce the humanitarian aid chapter with an amount of EUR 25 million in order to answer to the deepening food crisis in the Sahel region.
3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 23 April 2012.
4. In accordance with the provisions of Point 25 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, a simplified trilogue was held on the Commission proposal.

5. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
- the proposed transfer of appropriations;
 - the draft letter in ANNEX to that effect.
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DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council
to : President of the Commission
copy : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 24(4) of the Financial Regulation of 25 June 2002¹ as interpreted in point 20 of the joint declaration on transitional measures applicable to the budgetary procedure after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, I inform you that the Council has approved the transfer of appropriations No DEC06/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012.

(Complimentary close).

¹ As last amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1081/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010.