



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Brussels, 24 April 2012**

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**FIN 279  
INST 288  
PE-L 22**

**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

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from : Budget Committee  
to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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No. Cion prop. : 8871/12 FIN 274

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Subject : Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC05/2012 within Section III -  
Commission - of the general budget for 2012

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1. The Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC05/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer appropriations for a total amount of EUR 2 million from Article 40 01 40 (*Administrative reserve*) to Sub-item XX 01 02 11 03 (*Meetings of committees*). The appropriations of this sub-item are distributed between Chapters 01 01 to 09 01, 11 01 to 23 01, 26 01 to 27 01, 29 01 and 32 01 to 33 01, as recorded in document 8871/12 FIN 274.

2. The aim of this transfer is to release the reserve of EUR 2 million on the 2012 sub-item XX 01 02 11 03, the Commission having fulfilled the condition put by the European Parliament to modify the rules on experts groups, in order to improve the scheduling of compulsory comitology procedure.

3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 23 April 2012.
4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by 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 2002<sup>1</sup> 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 DEC05/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012.

(Complimentary close).

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