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**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

from :	Budget Committee
to :	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion prop. :	9046/12 FIN 282
Subject :	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No. DEC09/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012

1. The Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for transfer of appropriations No. DEC09/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer payment appropriations for an amount of EUR 351.3 million from item 32 04 14 01 (*Energy projects to aid economic recovery - Energy networks*), of EUR 73.4 million from item 32 04 14 02 (*Energy projects to aid economic recovery - Carbon Capture and Storage*), of EUR 36.8 million from item 32 04 14 03 (*Energy projects to aid economic recovery - European offshore wind grid system*) and of EUR 23.5 million from item 32 04 14 04 (*Energy projects to aid economic recovery - Energy efficiency and renewable initiatives*) to Article 08 02 01 (*Cooperation - Health*) for an amount of EUR 181.2 million, to Article 08 03 01 (*Cooperation - Food, agriculture and fisheries, and biotechnology*) for an amount of EUR 151.2 million and to Article 08 04 01 (*Cooperation - Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies*) for an amount of EUR 152.6 million, as recorded in document 9046/12 FIN 282.

2. The aim of this transfer is to use amounts available due to the under implementation of certain energy projects to aid economic recovery and to reinforce certain research programmes in order to meet the contractual obligations on time on one hand (pay the final and interim payments) and to accelerate implementation of new programs on the other hand (pre-finance new projects).
3. The Budget Committee examined the Commission proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 3, 21 and 29 May 2012 and could agree a total of EUR 147 million, in order to cover the legal obligations related to the final and interim payments. The amounts foreseen to be paid as pre-financing and totalling EUR 337.6 million should be excluded from the transfer at this stage.

The details of the amounts to be accepted are the following:

<i>Item 08 02 01 - Cooperation - Health</i>		
Final payments	EUR 6 million	Accepted
Interim payments	EUR 108 million	Accepted
Pre-financing of the new project (in a framework of the Call Health-2012-Innovation-1)	EUR 67 million	Rejected at this stage

Total accepted: EUR 114 million

<i>Item 08 03 01 - Cooperation - Food, agriculture and fisheries, and biotechnology</i>		
Final payments	EUR 5 million	Accepted
Interim payments	EUR 28 million	Accepted
Pre-financing of the new project (in a framework of the Call 6 Knowledge-based Bio-economy)	EUR 118 million	Rejected at this stage

Total accepted: EUR 33 million

<i>Item 08 04 01 - Cooperation - Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies</i>		
Pre-financing of the PPPs	EUR 152.6 million	Rejected at this stage

4. The Budget Committee agreed, by qualified majority<sup>1</sup>, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:

- the proposed new amount for the transfer of appropriations;
- the draft letter in ANNEX to that effect.

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<sup>1</sup> CY, IE, PL and PT abstaining.

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