



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Brussels, 2 July 2012**

**12005/12**

**FIN 482  
INST 444  
PE-L 45**

**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

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from :	Budget Committee
to :	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion prop. :	11873/12 FIN 475
Subject :	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC21/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012

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1. The Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a transfer of appropriations No DEC21/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012.

The purpose of this proposal is to reinforce Article 23 02 01 (*Humanitarian aid*) with EUR 70 million and Article 23 02 02 (*Food aid*) with EUR 10 million in commitment appropriations through a transfer from Article 01 03 02 (*Macroeconomic assistance*) an amount of EUR 57 million, from Article 15 02 03 (*Cooperation with Third countries on education and vocational training*) an amount of EUR 3 976 000 and from Article 40 02 42 (*Emergency aid reserve*) an amount of EUR 19 024 000.

Moreover, it is proposed to transfer the necessary amounts in payment appropriations from Article 01 03 02 (*Macroeconomic assistance*) by an amount of EUR 29.7 million and from Article 40 02 42 (*Emergency aid reserve*) by an amount of EUR 10.3 million to Article 23 02 01 (*Humanitarian aid*) with EUR 35 million and Article 23 02 02 (*Food aid*) with EUR 5 million, as recorded in document 11873/12 FIN 475.

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to provide humanitarian assistance for the following crises: Sudan and South Sudan with an amount of EUR 40 million, Yemen with an amount of EUR 20 million and Syria with an amount of EUR 20 million.
3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 2 July 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 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 DEC21/2012 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.