



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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INST 496
PE-L 58**

"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : Budget Committee
to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. Cion prop. : 12929/12 FIN 590

Subject : Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 24/2012 within Section III -
Commission - of the general budget for 2012

1. The Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 24/2012.

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 12929/12 FIN 590.

2. The aim of this transfer is to release the reserve of EUR 2 million on sub-item XX 01 02 11 03, the Commission having fulfilled the conditions put by the European Parliament to modify the rules on experts groups, in order to improve the scheduling of compulsory comitology procedure. The same request was made under transfer of appropriations No DEC 5/2012, which was approved by the Council in April 2012 but rejected by the European Parliament's Committee on Budgets. On the basis of a survey, the Commission confirms the fulfilment of the conditions to release the reserve.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 4 September 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.

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 transfer of appropriations No DEC 24/2012 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.