



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Brussels, 5 September 2012**

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INST 497  
PE-L 59**

**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

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from : Budget Committee  
to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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No. Cion prop. : 13259/12 FIN 613

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Subject : Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 25/2012 within Section III -  
Commission - of the general budget for 2012

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1. On 29 August 2012, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 25/2012.

The purpose of this proposal is to increase the commitment appropriations under Articles 23 02 01 (*Humanitarian aid*) and 23 02 02 (*Food aid*) by EUR 80 million and EUR 15 million respectively. The necessary funds will be partially redeployed from Item 19 08 01 01 (*European Neighbourhood and Partnership- financial cooperation with Mediterranean countries*) (EUR 11.36 million) and from Article 23 03 06 (*Civil protection interventions in third countries*) (EUR 4 million). The Emergency Aid Reserve (Article 40 02 42) will be used in order to cover the remaining EUR 79.64 million, as recorded in document 13259/12 FIN 613.

The necessary payment appropriations requested, amounting to EUR 64 million, will be entirely drawn from the Emergency Aid Reserve.

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to answer to additional needs deriving from the on-going humanitarian and food crises in Syria (EUR 50 million), Pakistan (EUR 15 million) and the Horn of Africa (EUR 30 million).
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 4 September 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 transfer of appropriations No DEC 25/2012 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.