



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Brussels, 5 September 2012**

**13294/12**

**FIN 620  
INST 495  
PE-L 57**

**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

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from :	Budget Committee
to :	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion prop. :	13268/12 FIN 616
Subject :	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 23/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012

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1. On 31 August 2012, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 23/2012.

The purpose of the proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 4 000 000 in commitment appropriations from Article 15 02 03 (*Cooperation with third countries on education and vocational training*) to Article 19 05 01 (*Cooperation with industrialised third countries*), as recorded in document 13268/12 FIN 616.

2. The transfer is being proposed to allow the additional financing of bilateral projects and Erasmus Mundus Action II projects with industrialised third countries within the framework of the Industrialised Countries Instrument.

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 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 23/2012 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.