



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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INST 561
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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : Budget Committee
to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. Cion prop. : 14229/12 FIN 696

Subject : Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 32/2012 within Section III -
Commission - of the general budget for 2012

1. The Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 32/2012.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 4.5 million in commitment appropriations from Article 40 02 41 (*Reserves for financial interventions - Differentiated appropriations*) to Item 18 02 03 02 (*European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders - Contribution to Title 3*), as recorded in document 14229/12 FIN 696.

2. The Commission asks for the release of the above-mentioned amount from the reserve, in order to increase the appropriations available on the operational line, thus enabling the Agency to ensure the continuation of operations in the Mediterranean sea and at the border between Turkey and Greece.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 2 October 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 the 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 the transfer of appropriations No. DEC 32/2012 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.