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THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

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from : Budget Committee  
to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council  
Subject : Proposal for transfer of appropriations No. 3/2012 within Section VIII - European Ombudsman - of the general budget for 2012

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1. The European Ombudsman submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No. 3/2012 within Section VIII - European Ombudsman - of the general budget for 2012.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 316 000 from Articles 120 (*Remuneration and other entitlements*), 140 (*Other staff and externals*), 230 (*Administrative expenditure*), 320 (*Acquisition of information and expertise*) and 321 (*Production and dissemination*) to Articles 140 (*Other staff and externals*), 161 (*Expenditure relating to staff management*), 200 (*Buildings*), 210 (*Equipment, operating costs and services relating to data processing and telecommunications*), 212 (*Furniture*), 232 (*Support for activities*) and 300 (*Staff missions expenses*).

2. The main purpose of this transfer is to cope with additional expenditure stemming from the move to the new Brussels offices as from October this year and to provide an extra financing for the earliest possible implementation of the IT case management system.

3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 8 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 ANNEX to that effect.

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DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council  
to : European Ombudsman  
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. 3/2012 within Section VIII - European Ombudsman - 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.