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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject : Amendments of the European Parliament to the Council's position on the draft budget for 2013

1. During its Plenary session of 23 October 2012, the European Parliament intends to adopt amendments to the Council's position on the draft budget for 2013 as recommended by the European Parliament's Committee on Budgets on 3 and 4 October. At this occasion, the Presidency of the Council should take note of this fact, and consequently agree that the President of the European Parliament convenes the Conciliation Committee as required (Article 314(4)(c) TFEU).
2. On 8 October, the Budget Committee of the Council examined those amendments and unanimously agreed that it could not approve them all. For the purposes of the continuation of the budgetary procedure for 2013, the Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to suggest the Council to:
 - confirm that it cannot approve all the amendments to the Council's position on the draft budget for 2013 should they be adopted by the European Parliament;
 - approve the annexed draft letter to the European Parliament to that effect.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

cc : President of the European Commission

Sir,

For the purpose of Article 314(4)(c) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, I have to inform you that the Council cannot approve all the amendments adopted by the European Parliament as regards the Council's position on the draft budget for 2013.

The Conciliation Committee foreseen by Article 314(5) TFEU may therefore meet at the earliest convenience.

(Complimentary close).
