



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**FIN 766
INST 592
PE-L 89**

"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from :	Budget Committee
to :	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion prop. :	14882/12 FIN 745
Subject :	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 36/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012

1. The Commission submitted to the Council proposal for a transfer of appropriations No DEC 36/2012.

The purpose of the proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 576 562 in commitment appropriations to Article 21 07 04 (*Commodities agreements*) and an amount of EUR 15 208 to Article 21 07 03 (*Agreement with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and other United Nations bodies*) from Article 05 06 01 (*International agricultural agreements*), as recorded in document 14882/12 FIN 745.

2. The transfer is being proposed to cover the fluctuations in the EUR/USD exchange rate of the annual membership fees of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, the International Jute Organisation, the International Coffee Organisation and the International Cocoa Organisation and to cover the annual contribution to the International Treaty on Plant and Genetic Resources.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 17 October 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 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 transfer of appropriations No DEC 36/2012 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.