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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 DEC3/2012 within Section VI -  
European Economic and Social Committee - of the general budget for 2012

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1. The European Economic and Social Committee submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC3/2012 within Section VI - European Economic and Social Committee - of the general budget for 2012.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 78 179 from Article 162 (*Mission expenses*) and item 1400 (*Other staff*) to item 2100 (*Purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software, and related work*).

2. This transfer would provide the supplementary appropriations necessary to enable additional investment in the IT infrastructure of both the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.

3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 19 November 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 : President of the European Economic and Social Committee  
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 DEC3/2012 within Section VI - European Economic and Social Committee - 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.