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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

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Subject : Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC1/2012 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 DEC1/2012 within Section VI - European Economic and Social Committee - of the general budget for 2012.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer EUR 1 985 983 from various items within Title 1, Chapters 12 (*Officials and temporary staff*) and 14 (*Other staff and external services*) to item 2001 (*Annual lease payments and similar expenditure*), within Title 2, Chapter 20.

2. In the absence of any salary adjustment in 2011, appropriations identified as available in the budget for 2012, and which cannot be carried over, are proposed to be transferred in order to pay part of the 2013 lease payments on the joint European Economic and Social Committee - Committee of the Regions buildings in Brussels.

3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 19 November 2012 and several delegations considered that it did not comply with the principle of annuality of the budget.
  
  4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council:
    - to reject the proposed transfer of appropriations;
  
    - to approve 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 rejected the transfer of appropriations No DEC1/2012 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.