



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from:	Presidency
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget for 2012 = Information to National Parliaments

1. On 25 October 2012, the Commission submitted draft amending budget (DAB) No 6 to the general budget for 2012.
2. In order to allow the Council to adopt a position on DAB No 6/2012¹ as soon as possible, so that the latter may still be adopted within the financial year 2012, the Council has to decide, considering the urgency of the matter, to shorten, in accordance with Article 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure, the eight-week period, as well as the ten-day period laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of National Parliaments in the European Union.

¹ The Council position on DAB No 6/2012 shall contain a recital stating that *"given the fact that draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget for 2012 needs to be implemented within the financial year 2012 for reasons of sound financial management, it is justified to shorten, in accordance with Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, the eight-week period for the information of National Parliaments, as well as the ten-day period foreseen for placing the item on the Council's provisional agenda laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1."*

3. National parliaments have to be informed thereof.
4. Accordingly, the Permanent Representatives Committee is requested to suggest that the Council:
 - decide, on the basis of Article 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure, to shorten the eight-week period for the information of National Parliaments, as well as the ten-day period foreseen for placing the item on the Council's provisional agenda laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of National Parliaments in the European Union;
 - approve the attached communication to be addressed to National Parliaments by the General Secretariat of the Council.

DRAFT COMMUNICATION

To National Parliaments

I would like to draw to your attention to the fact that draft amending budget No 6/2012 submitted by the Commission on 25 October 2012 needs to be implemented within the financial year 2012 for reasons of sound financial management.

In this perspective, the Council wishes to inform National Parliaments that, in accordance with Article 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure, it has to shorten the eight-week period, as well as the ten-day period laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of National Parliaments in the European Union, in order to be able to adopt a position on draft amending budget No 6/2012 on 6/7 December 2012.

The Council trusts that the urgency of the matter will be widely understood and shared by National Parliaments.

(complementary close)
