



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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INST 697
PE-L 110**

"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : Budget Committee
to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. Cion prop. : 16766/12 FIN 903

Subject : Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 54/2012 within Section III -
Commission - of the general budget for 2012

1. The Commission submitted to the Council proposal for a transfer of appropriations No DEC54/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 60 500 000 in commitment appropriations from Article 40 02 42 (*Emergency aid reserve*) to Article 23 02 01 (*Humanitarian aid*), as recorded in document 16766/12 FIN 903.

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to provide humanitarian assistance for the following crises: Cuba/Haiti with an amount of EUR 10 million, Syria with an amount of EUR 30 million, Democratic Republic of Congo and Great Lakes with and amount of EUR 15 million and Burma/Myanmar with an amount of EUR 5.5 million.

3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 29 November 2012.
4. In accordance with the provisions of Point 25 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, a simplified trilogue was held on the Commission proposal.
5. 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 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 the transfer of appropriations No DEC 54/2012 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.