



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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INST 695
PE-L 108**

"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : Budget Committee
to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. Cion prop. : 16765/12 FIN 902

Subject : Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC47/2012 within Section III -
Commission - of the general budget for 2012

1. The Commission submitted to the Council proposal for a transfer of appropriations No DEC47/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012.

The purpose of this proposal is to reinforce Article 23 02 01 (*Humanitarian aid*) with EUR 50 million in commitment appropriations through a transfer from:

- Article 01 03 02 (*Macroeconomic assistance*) an amount of EUR 33 million,
- Article 05 06 01 (*International agricultural agreements*) an amount of EUR 2 million,
- Item 19 06 01 01 (*Crisis response and preparedness - Instrument for Stability*) an amount of EUR 15 million.

Moreover, it is proposed to transfer an amount of EUR 15.7 million in payment appropriations from Article 40 02 42 (*Emergency aid reserve*) to Article 23 02 01 (*Humanitarian aid*), as recorded in document 16765/12 FIN 902.

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to provide humanitarian assistance for the following crises: Sudan/South Sudan with an amount of EUR 30 million and Mali with an amount of EUR 20 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 47/2012 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.