



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**FIN 974
INST 696
PE-L 109**

"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : Budget Committee
to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. Cion prop. : 16728/12 FIN 900

Subject : Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 53/2012 within Section III -
Commission - of the general budget for 2012

1. The Commission submitted to the Council proposal for a transfer of appropriations No DEC 53/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012.

The purpose of the proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 5 million in commitment appropriations from Article 01 03 02 (*Macroeconomic assistance*) to Item 19 08 01 01 (*European Neighbourhood and Partnership financial cooperation with Mediterranean countries*), as recorded in document 16728/12 FIN 900.

2. The transfer is being proposed to reinforce the Support for Partnership, Reform and Inclusive Growth programme budget line, in order to support governance and economic reform efforts in the Southern Neighbourhood countries.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 29 November 2012.
 4. 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 the ANNEX to that effect.
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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 transfer of appropriations No DEC 53/2012 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.