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THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From: Budget Committee
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Discharge to be given to the executive agencies in respect of the
implementation of the budget for the financial year 2012
- *Draft Council recommendations*

1. In accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes¹, and in particular Article 14(3) thereof, and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1653/2004 of 21 September 2004 on a standard financial regulation for the executive agencies pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003², and in particular Article 66, first paragraph, thereof, the Council is required to draw up recommendations to the European Parliament on a discharge to be given to the executive agencies.

¹ OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1.

² OJ L 297, 22.9.2004, p. 6, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 651/2008 of 9 July 2008 (OJ L 181, 10.7.2008, p. 15).

2. At its meeting on 29 January 2014, the Budget Committee examined the six specific annual reports¹ of the European Court of Auditors related to executive agencies, and reached an agreement on the draft texts as set out in the Addendum.
3. The Budget Committee advises the Permanent Representatives Committee to suggest that the Council:
 - adopt the draft recommendations as set out in the Addendum to this note; and
 - arrange for them to be forwarded to the European Parliament and to approve the draft letter in the Annex to that effect.

¹ OJ C 365, 13.12.2013.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 14(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes and with Article 66, first paragraph, of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1653/2004 of 21 September 2004 on a standard financial regulation for the executive agencies pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 651/2008 of 9 July 2008, I am forwarding under separate cover¹ the Council recommendations of 18 February 2014 on the discharge to be given to the executive agencies in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2012.

[Complimentary close].

¹ Doc. 5850/14 FIN 73 PE-L 8 + ADD 1.