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European Union

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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	13414/16 FIN 679 (COM(2016) 680 final)
Subject:	Draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget for 2016 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Germany

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1. On 19 October 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 6 to the general budget for 2016 regarding the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for a total amount of EUR 31 475 125 in commitment and payment appropriations.

The objective of this proposal is to provide financial assistance to Germany in response to a series of extremely intense, short-lived cases of floods that affected the region of Niederbayern in May and June 2016.

The corresponding appropriations are to be recorded under Article 13 06 01 (*EU Solidarity Fund - Assistance to Member States in the event of a major natural disaster with serious repercussions on living conditions, the natural environment or the economy*).

2. On 24 October and 3 November 2016, the Budget Committee examined the Commission proposal and was able to accept it without any changes.
3. At the close of its examination, the Budget Committee agreed to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to:
  - adopt, by a qualified majority<sup>1</sup>, the Council's position on DAB No 6/2016 as set out in point 2;
  - instruct the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and to approve the draft letter in Annex 2 to that effect;
  - have the Council's position published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* as set out in Annex 1.

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<sup>1</sup> The United Kingdom abstaining.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 6 of the European Union for the financial year 2016 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Germany**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 314 thereof, in conjunction with the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002<sup>1</sup> and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2016 was definitively adopted on 25 November 2015<sup>2</sup>,
- on 19 October 2016, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget for the financial year 2016,
- given the fact that draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget for 2016 needs to be adopted without delay, 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,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 48, 24.2.2016, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 6 of the European Union for the financial year 2016 was adopted on 15 November 2016.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>.

Done at Brussels, on 15 November 2016.

*For the Council  
The President*

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DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

I am forwarding under separate cover the Council's position on draft amending budget No 6 for the financial year 2016<sup>1</sup>, adopted by the Council on 15 November 2016.

(Complimentary close).

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 13852/15 BUDGET 36.