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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: Budget Committee
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 1/2016 within Section VI - European Economic and Social Committee - of the general budget for 2016

1. On 8 November 2016, the European Economic and Social Committee submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 1/2016.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a global amount of EUR 1 264 120 from Items 1420 (*Supplementary services for the translation service*), 2548 (*Interpreting*) and 2604 (*Official Journal*) to Item 2001 (*Annual lease payments*).

2. The European Economic and Social Committee proposes to transfer unused appropriations of its 2016 budget to the line covering annual lease payments. The aim of this operation is to free appropriations on this line in the 2017 budget which, in turn, could be used to finance the security refurbishment of the Jacques Delors building entrance hall.
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meetings on 21 and 29 November and on 2 December 2016.

4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee did not reach a position on the proposal for a transfer, as there was no qualified majority neither to approve nor to refuse it, in line with Article 27 of the Financial Regulation.
 3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to advise the Council to take note and to:
 - approve the draft letter in ANNEX 1 to that effect;
 - enter in its minutes the unilateral statement by Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom recorded in ANNEX 2.
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DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council
to : President of the European Economic and Social Committee
copy : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 27(4) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012¹, I inform you that the Council did not take a position on transfer of appropriations No DEC 1/2016 within Section VI - European Economic and Social Committee - of the general budget for 2016.

(Complimentary close).

¹ 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**UNILATERAL STATEMENT BY AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CROATIA,
CYPRUS, THE CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, ESTONIA, FINLAND, FRANCE,
GERMANY, HUNGARY, IRELAND, LATVIA, LITHUANA, MALTA, THE
NETHERLANDS, POLAND, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA, SPAIN,
SWEDEN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM**

"Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom take note of transfer of appropriations No DEC 1/2016 submitted by the European Economic and Social Committee. They recall the principle of annuality as a fundamental budgetary principle as laid down in the Financial Regulation and are concerned about transferring funds in one financial year with the sole aim of freeing up funds for the following financial year."
