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From: Budget Committee
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Discharge to be given to the bodies set up under the TFEU and the Euratom Treaty in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2015
– *Draft Council recommendations*

1. In accordance with 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 1605/2002¹, and in particular Article 208(2) thereof, the Council is required to draw up recommendations to the European Parliament on a discharge to be given to the bodies set up under the TFEU and the Euratom Treaty and which have legal personality and receive contributions charged to the budget.
2. At its meetings on 16 and 31 January, and 2 February 2017, the Budget Committee examined the thirty-two specific annual reports² of the European Court of Auditors related to bodies set up under the TFEU and the Euratom Treaty, having legal personality and receiving contributions charged to the budget, and reached an agreement on the draft texts as set out in the Addendum.

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ C 449, 1.12.2016.

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.
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DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 208(2) of 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, I am forwarding under separate cover¹ the Council recommendations of 21 February 2017 on the discharge to be given to the bodies set up under the TFEU and the Euratom Treaty in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2015.

[Complimentary close].

¹ Doc. 5873/17 FIN 61 PE-L 4 + ADD 1.