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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	7304/17 FIN 186
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 03/2017 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2017

1. On 15 March 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 03/2017.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer from Article 13 05 02 (*Instrument for PreAccession Assistance (IPA) - Completion of regional development component (2007 to 2013)*) an amount of EUR 17.3 million in payment appropriations (p/a) and from Item 13 05 03 02 (*Completion of cross-border cooperation (CBC) and participation of candidate and potential candidate countries in Structural Funds - transnational and interregional cooperation programmes - Contribution from Heading 4*) an amount of EUR 4.4 million in p/a, and from Article 40 02 42 (*Emergency aid reserve*) an amount of EUR 50 million in commitment appropriations (c/a) and EUR 17.3 million in p/a to Article 23 02 01 (*Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food aid*), as recorded in document 7304/17 FIN 186.

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to provide further humanitarian assistance to respond to the increased needs in the crisis in the Lake Chad Region, for an amount of EUR 50 million in c/a and EUR 39 million in p/a.
 3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 24 March 2017.
 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 27(4) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 03/2017 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2017.

(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).