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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 36/2013 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2013

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**Unilateral statement by Germany to be entered into the Council minutes<sup>1</sup>**

"The German government would like to point out that the Commission submitted proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 36/2013 to the Council's Budget Committee without seeking the opinion of the competent Council working party, RELEX, despite the fact that several member states had spoken out against the project. Because of the speed at which decisions on transfers of appropriations are routinely made, there was no in-depth discussion in the Budget Committee. Germany is of the opinion that this decision does not necessarily reflect the Council's position and therefore cannot agree to the transfer."

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<sup>1</sup> Supported by The Czech Republic