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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 5/2013 within Section VIII -  
European Ombudsman - of the general budget for 2013

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1. On 30 October 2013, the European Ombudsman submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No 5/2013.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 15 000 from Article 108 (*Allowances and expenses on entering and leaving the service*) to Item 3300 (*Studies*).

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to enable conducting an analysis of the structure and the functioning of the Ombudsman's Office with a view to identifying possibilities for improvement.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 26 November 2013.
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 : European Ombudsman  
copy : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 27(4) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012<sup>1</sup>, I inform you that the Council, for its part, has approved transfer of appropriations No 5/2013 within Section VIII - European Ombudsman - of the general budget for 2013.

(Complimentary close).

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<sup>1</sup> 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.