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THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 38/2013 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2013
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1. On 15 November 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 38/2013.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 70 million in commitment appropriations and an amount of EUR 67 million in payment appropriations from Article 40 02 41 (*Reserves for financial interventions - Differentiated appropriations*) to Article 11 03 01 (*International fisheries agreements*), as recorded in document 16210/13 FIN 757.

2. The mobilisation of the reserve line is needed in order to enable the Commission to cover the financial contribution provided for 2013 in the partnership agreement between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, following the consent given by the European Parliament, during its plenary sitting on 8 October 2013, to the conclusion of the protocol to the above-mentioned agreement.

The different figures for commitment and payment appropriations are explained by the fact that, given the deadlines set for implementation of the sectoral support component of the protocol, the corresponding amount of EUR 3 million will not be paid until 2014.

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.

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 38/2013 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2013.

(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.