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**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 40/2013 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 40/2013.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 485 000 in commitment appropriations from Article 11 03 02 (*International fisheries and law of the sea - Contributions to international organisations*) to Article 11 07 02 (*Support for the management of fishery resources (improvement of scientific advice)*), as recorded in document 16212/13 FIN 758.

2. The additional funding requested is mainly related to the financing of “scientific advice in the Mediterranean”, which aims at providing the Commission with scientific responses necessary for the day-to-day policy and management of the Mediterranean fisheries in the context of the Common Fisheries Policy. An additional task related to the monitoring of the implementation by the Member States of the data collection framework is also planned.

All mandatory contributions to international organisations having been honoured for 2013, unused commitment appropriations are available under the budget article being decreased.

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 : President of the Commission  
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 has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 40/2013 within Section III - Commission - 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.