

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From: Budget Committee

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. Cion doc.: 15314/13 FIN 678

Subject: Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 34/2013 within Section III Commission - of the general budget for 2013

1. On 28 October 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 34/2013.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 7 285 467 in commitment appropriations from Article 05 05 02 (*Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance for Rural Development (IPARD)*) to Article 22 02 01 (*Transition and institution-building assistance to candidate countries*), as recorded in document 15314/13 FIN 678.

2. This transfer is being proposed to support a number of agricultural projects in Montenegro, under joint management with the World Bank, given the delay in putting in place the appropriate structures to implement these projects under full decentralised management.

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- 3. The <u>Budget Committee</u> examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 29 October 2013.
- 4. Following that examination, the <u>Budget Committee</u> 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, for its part, has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 34/2013 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2013.

(Complimentary close).

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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.