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THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	16425/13 FIN 772

Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 43/2013 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2013
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1. On 20 November 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 43/2013.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer non-differentiated appropriations for a total amount of EUR 77 712 600, of which EUR 69 693 000 from several budget lines related to salaries and pensions, to Items 26 01 22 02 (*Acquisition and renting of buildings in Brussels*) and 26 01 23 02 (*Acquisition and renting of buildings in Luxembourg*), as recorded in document 16425/13 FIN 772.

2. The Commission proposes to transfer surpluses in its budget for 2013 to the lines covering expenditure related to its buildings in Brussels and Luxembourg.

In the event that a decision on salary adjustments is taken in the course of 2014, the Commission would be able to ask the budgetary authority to transfer these appropriations back to the remuneration lines.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 5 December 2013.
4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council:
 - to refuse the proposed transfer of appropriations;
 - to approve 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 refused transfer of appropriations No DEC 43/2013 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.