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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.:	17136/13 FIN 861

Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 46/2013 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2013
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1. On 4 December 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 46/2013.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 30 million in commitment appropriations from Article 01 03 02 (*Macro-financial assistance*) to Item 19 08 01 01 (*European Neighbourhood and Partnership financial cooperation with Mediterranean countries*), as recorded in document 17136/13 FIN 861.

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to provide support to the increasing number of internally-displaced Syrian population and influx of refugees in neighbouring countries following the crisis in Syria.

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 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 46/2013 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.