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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposals for transfers of appropriations No CESE DEC1/2013 and No CESE INF5/2013 within Section VI - European Economic and Social Committee - of the general budget for 2013

1. On 26 November 2013, the European Economic and Social Committee submitted to the Council proposals for transfers of appropriations No CESE DEC1/2013 and No CESE INF5/2013.

The purpose of these two proposals combined is to transfer a global amount of EUR 4 429 000 from various items under Title 1, Chapters 12 (*Officials and temporary staff*), 14 (*Other staff and external services*) and 16 (*Other expenditure relating to persons working with the institution*), to Item 2001 (*Annual lease payments and similar expenditure*), under Title 2.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee proposes to transfer surpluses in its budget for 2013 to the lines covering expenditure related to its buildings in Brussels.

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

3. The Budget Committee examined these transfer proposals at its meeting on 5 December 2013. Several delegations having raised objections on the budgetary operation proposed and, by virtue of the second sentence of Article 25(2) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012¹, also transfer No CESE INF5/2013 was subject to the procedure of Article 27 thereof.
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 transfers of appropriations;
 - to approve the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect.

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.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council
to : President of the European Economic and Social Committee
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 transfers of appropriations No CESE DEC1/2013 and No CESE INF5/2013 within Section VI - European Economic and Social Committee - of the general budget for 2013.

(Complimentary close).

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