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THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Proposal for transfer of appropriations No 3/2013 within Section X - European External Action Service - of the general budget for 2013

1. On 27 November 2013, the European External Action Service submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No 3/2013.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer non-differentiated appropriations for a total amount of EUR 10.8 million, of which EUR 7.54 million from budget lines related to remunerations, to Article 2000 (*Rent and annual lease payments*) in Title 2 and to Article 3003 (*Buildings*) in Title 3.

2. The European External Action Service 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 External Action Service would be able to ask the budgetary authority to transfer these appropriations back to the remuneration lines.

3. The Budget Committee examined this transfer proposal 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 ANNEX to that effect.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council
to : High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
copy: President of the European Parliament

Madame,

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 3/2013 within Section X - European External Action Service - 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.