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**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposals for transfers of appropriations No Dec 1/2013 and No Inf 10/2013 within Section VII - Committee of the Regions - of the general budget for 2013

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1. On 27 November 2013, the Committee of the Regions submitted to the Council proposals for transfers of appropriations No Dec 1/2013 and No Inf 10/2013.

The purpose of these two proposals combined is to transfer a global amount of EUR 2 386 787 from various items under Title 1, Chapters 12 (*Officials and temporary staff*) and 16 (*Other expenditure relating to persons working with the institution*), to Item 2001 (*Annual lease payments*), under Title 2.

2. The Committee of the Regions 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 Committee of the Regions 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 2012<sup>1</sup>, also transfer No Inf 10/2013 was subject to the procedure of Article 27 thereof.
4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by 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 ANNEX to that effect.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 Committee of the Regions

copy : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 27(4) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012<sup>1</sup>, I inform you that the Council has refused transfers of appropriations No Dec 1/2013 and No Inf 10/2013 within Section VII - Committee of the Regions - of the general budget for 2013.

(Complimentary close).

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