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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	5469/15 FIN 48 (COM(2015) 16 final)
Subject:	Draft amending budget No 2 to the general budget 2015 accompanying the Proposal for a Council regulation amending Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020

1. On 20 January 2015, the Commission submitted draft amending budget (DAB) No 2/2015 accompanying the Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (MFF Regulation).

The purpose of this DAB is to budget commitment appropriations (c/a) that are transferred to 2015 in line with Article 19 of the above-mentioned MFF Regulation. It proposes to increase c/a for an amount of EUR 16 476.4 million under sub-heading 1b (*Economic, social and territorial cohesion*), heading 2 (*Sustainable growth: Natural resources*) and heading 3 (*Security and citizenship*). It also proposes an increase of EUR 2.5 million in c/a for the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance under heading 4 (*Global Europe*) in order to maintain the same level of contributions from heading 4 and sub-heading 1b to European Territorial Cooperation programmes.

This DAB does not propose any changes in payment appropriations.

2. The Budget Committee examined DAB No 2/2015 at its meetings on 20 and 27 January, 3 February and 14 April 2015 and was able to accept it without any changes.
 3. At the close of its examination, the Budget Committee agreed to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to:
 - adopt the Council's position on DAB No 2/2015 as set out in point 2;
 - instruct the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and to approve the draft letter in Annex 2 to that effect;
 - have the Council's position published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* as set out in Annex 1.
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COUNCIL DECISION

adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 2 of the European Union for the financial year 2015 accompanying the Proposal for a Council regulation amending Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 314 thereof, in conjunction with the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Having regard to 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 1605/2002¹ and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2015 was definitively adopted on 17 December 2014²,
- on 20 January 2015, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 2 to the general budget for the financial year 2015 accompanying the Proposal for a Council regulation amending Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020,

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 69, 13.3.2015, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 2 of the European Union for the financial year 2015 accompanying the Proposal for a Council regulation amending Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 was adopted on 21 April 2015.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>.

Done at Luxembourg, on 21 April 2015.

*For the Council
The President*

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council
to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

I am forwarding under separate cover the Council's position on draft amending budget No 2 for the financial year 2015 accompanying the Proposal for a Council regulation amending Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020¹, adopted by the Council on 21 April 2015.

(Complimentary close).

¹ Doc. 7660/15 BUDGET 5 + ADD1.