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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	8015/15 FIN 283 (COM(2015) 161 final)
Subject:	Draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for 2015 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund for Romania, Bulgaria and Italy

1. On 15 April 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 4 to the general budget for 2015 regarding the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for a total amount of EUR 66 505 850 in commitment and payment appropriations.

The objective of this proposal is to provide financial assistance to Romania, Bulgaria and Italy in response to flooding disasters that occurred between April and November 2014.

The corresponding appropriations are to be recorded under Article 13 06 01 (*EU Solidarity Fund - Assistance to Member States in the event of a major natural disaster with serious repercussions on living conditions, the natural environment or the economy*).

2. On 21 May 2015, the Budget Committee examined the Commission proposal and was able to accept the proposed amounts.
 3. At the close of its examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority¹, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to:
 - adopt the Council's position on DAB No 4/2015 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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¹ UK abstaining.

COUNCIL DECISION

adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 4 of the European Union for the financial year 2015 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund for Romania, Bulgaria and Italy

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 15 April 2015, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for the financial year 2015,

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 4 of the European Union for the financial year 2015 was adopted on 19 June 2015.

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

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

Done at Brussels, on 19 June 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 4 for the financial year 2015¹, adopted by the Council on 19 June 2015.

(Complimentary close).

¹ Doc. 9767/15 BUDGET 17.