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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No 1/2015 within Section X - European External Action Service - of the general budget for 2015

1. On 27 August 2015, the European External Action Service (EEAS) submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No 1/2015.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer non-differentiated appropriations for a total amount of EUR 3.76 million, of which:

- a) EUR 0.48 million from Item 2000 (*Rents and annual lease payments*) to Article 110 (*Statutory staff*) and to Article 120 (*External staff and outside services*)
- b) EUR 1.48 million from Item 2000 (*Rents and annual lease payments*) to Article 201 (*Cost relating to buildings*), to Article 220 (*Conferences, congresses and meetings*) and to Article 223 (*Miscellaneous expenses*).
- c) EUR 1.80 million from Item 2000 (*Rents and annual lease payments*) to Item 3001 (*External staff and outside services*).

2. The transfer is being proposed to:
 - a) reinforce the lines related to family allowances for staff members, to traineeships, to interim staff and to special advisors and to military seconded national experts.
 - b) reinforce the lines related to security and surveillance of buildings in Brussels, to organisations of conferences and congresses, to interinstitutional cooperation and to legal expenses.
 - c) cover the increased needs for the remuneration of local agents in delegations due to the depreciation of the euro against other currencies.
3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 10 September 2015.
4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
 - the proposed transfer of appropriations;
 - the draft letter in the 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

Madam,

In accordance with Article 27(4) of the Financial Regulation¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No 1/2015 within Section X - European External Action Service - of the general budget for 2015.

(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, as last amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1142/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 (OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 28).