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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	12502/15 FIN 647 (COM(2015) 485 final)
Subject:	Draft amending budget No 7 to the general budget for 2015: Managing the refugee crisis: immediate budgetary measures under the European Agenda on Migration

1. On 30 September 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 7 to the general budget for 2015.

This DAB introduces additional financial measures (in commitment (c/a) and in payment appropriations (p/a)) to be provided in 2015 in response to the migration crisis¹. It includes the following reinforcements:

- +EUR 100 million in c/a for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and for the Internal Security Fund;
- +EUR 300 million in c/a for the European Neighbourhood Instrument;
- +EUR 55.7 million in p/a for Humanitarian Aid;

¹ Doc. 12313/15 + ADD 1 to 7.

- +120 establishment plan posts for the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders (+60 posts), the European Asylum Support Office (+30 posts) and EUROPOL (+30 posts) and the corresponding additional salary expenditure of EUR 1.3 million in c/a and in p/a.

The reinforcements in c/a are partly offset by redeployments for an amount of EUR 70.5 million. Therefore, the net effect of this DAB on the 2015 general budget is an increase of c/a for a total amount of EUR 330.7 million. The Commission has submitted a separate proposal to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument in 2015 to cover the proposed amount of EUR 66.1 million that cannot be financed under the ceiling of heading 3 (*Security and Citizenship*)¹. The needs in p/a are entirely covered by redeployments.

2. During its meetings on 1 and 5 October 2015, the Budget Committee examined the Commission's proposal and was able to accept it without any changes.
3. At the close of its examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority², to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to:
 - adopt the Council's position on DAB No 7/2015 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.

¹ Doc. 12503/15.

² NL abstaining.

COUNCIL DECISION

adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 7 of the European Union for the financial year 2015

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 30 September 2015, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 7 to the general budget for the financial year 2015,
- given the fact that draft amending budget No 7 to the general budget for 2015 needs to be adopted without delay, it is justified to shorten, in accordance with Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, the eight-week period for the information of national Parliaments, as well as the ten-day period foreseen for placing the item on the Council's provisional agenda laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1,

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 7 of the European Union for the financial year 2015 was adopted on 8 October 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 8 October 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 7 for the financial year 2015¹, adopted by the Council on 8 October 2015.
(Complimentary close).

¹ Doc. 12511/15 BUDGET 35.