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THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	5012/14 FIN 1
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 45/2013 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2013

1. On 7 January 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 45/2013.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 139.8 million in payment appropriations from budget lines under:

- sub-heading 1a (*Competitiveness for growth and employment*): EUR 85.0 million;
- heading 2 (*Preservation and management of natural resources*): EUR 3.9 million;
- sub-heading 3a (*Freedom, security and justice*): EUR 4.9 million;
- sub-heading 3b (*Citizenship*): EUR 1.2 million;
- heading 4 (*EU as a global player*): EUR 44.8 million,

to the following budget lines:

- Article 04 02 19 (*European Social Fund (ESF) - Regional competitiveness and employment*): EUR 28.9 million;
- Article 13 04 02 (*Cohesion Fund*): EUR 106 million; and
- Article 18 02 06 (*External Borders Fund*): EUR 4.9 million,

as recorded in document 5012/14 FIN 1.

2. In accordance with Article 179(2) and (3) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union¹, this "End of Year Transfer" intends to ensure that the outstanding requests for additional payments related to funds in shared management can be met, using any payment appropriations available at mid-December.
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 8 January 2014.
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 ANNEX to that effect.

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

DRAFT LETTER

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

Sir,

In accordance with Article 27(4) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 45/2013 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2013.

(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.