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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 42/2015 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2015

1. On 2 December 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 42/2015.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of:

- EUR 7.3 million in commitment appropriations (c/a) from Article 23 04 01 (*EU Aid Volunteers initiative -- Strengthening the Union's capacity to respond to humanitarian crises*), EUR 0.8 million in c/a from Article 20 02 03 (*Aid for trade -- Multilateral initiatives*), EUR 2.9 million in c/a from Item 19 03 01 04 (*Other crisis management measures and operations*) and EUR 1.0 million in c/a from Item 13 05 63 02 (*Cross-border cooperation (CBC) -- Contribution from Heading 4*) to Article 23 02 01 (*Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food aid*);

- EUR 10.2 million in payment appropriation (p/a) from Article 13 05 02 (*Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) -- Completion of regional development component (2007 to 2013)*) and EUR 1.8 million in p/a from Article 40 02 42 (*Emergency Aid Reserve*) to Article 23 02 01 (*Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food aid*),

as recorded in document 14825/15.

2. The transfer of EU 12 million in both c/a and p/a is being proposed to support the refugee population in Afghanistan in relation to the escalation of the conflict by Taliban offensives and to assist the people affected by the October 2015 earthquake.
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 7 December 2015.
4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by 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 : President of the Commission
copy: President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 27 of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 42/2015 within Section III - Commission - 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, (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).