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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	7169/16 FIN 184
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 05/2016 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2016

1. On 16 March 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 05/2016.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 150 million in commitment appropriations 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 7169/16 FIN 184.

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to provide humanitarian assistance to respond to the increased needs in the crisis in Syria and Iraq, for an amount of EUR 150 million.
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 5 April 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.
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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 05/2016 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2016.

(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).