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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council position on draft amending budget No 5 to the general budget for 2018: Cancellation of the reserve related to the support to Turkey from the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA II), reinforcement of the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) and of the Humanitarian Aid for other urgent actions and modification of the establishment plan of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA) in the context of the WiFi4EU initiative

- *Adoption*

1. On 10 July 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 5 to the general budget for 2018 regarding the cancellation of the reserve related to the support to Turkey from the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA II), reinforcement of the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) and of the Humanitarian Aid for other urgent actions and modification of the establishment plan of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA) in the context of the WiFi4EU initiative.

The objectives of this proposal are to:

- cancel the reserves of EUR 70 million in commitment appropriations (c/a) and of EUR 35 million in payment appropriations (p/a) related to Item 22 02 03 01 (*Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance - Turkey Support for political reforms and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis*);
 - reinforce Item 22 04 01 03 (*Mediterranean countries - Confidence building, security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts*) with EUR 70 million in c/a and Article 23 02 01 (*Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food assistance*) with EUR 35 million in p/a;
 - modify INEA's establishment plan adding one AD 7 temporary post.
2. The Budget Committee examined DAB No 5/2018 at its meetings on 13 July and 3 September 2018, and was able to accept it without any changes.
3. At the close of its examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to:
- adopt the Council's position on DAB No 5/2018 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; and
 - have the Council's position published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* as set out in Annex 1.
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COUNCIL DECISION

adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 5 of the European Union for the financial year 2018

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) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 44 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2018 was definitively adopted on 30 November 2017²,
- on 10 July 2018, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 5 to the general budget for the financial year 2018,

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 57, 28.2.2018, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 5 of the European Union for the financial year 2018 was adopted on 18 September 2018.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>.

Done at Brussels, on 18 September 2018.

*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 5 for the financial year 2018, adopted by the Council on 18 September 2018¹.

(Complimentary close).

¹ Doc. 11843/18.