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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	13080/18 (COM(2018) 704 final)
Subject:	Council's position on draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget for 2018: Reduction of payment and commitment appropriations in line with updated forecasts of expenditure and update of revenue (own resources) – <i>Adoption</i>

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1. In October 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 6 to the general budget for 2018.

With regard to the expenditure side, the following modifications are proposed:

- to decrease payment appropriations (p/a) by -EUR 44.7 million under heading 2 distributed in the Sustainable Fisheries Agreements (-EUR 43.3 million), and in the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (-EUR 1.4 million);
- to decrease commitment appropriations (c/a) by -EUR 48.7 million under heading 2 distributed in the Sustainable Fisheries Agreements (-EUR 46.6 million), in the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (-EUR 1.4 million) and in the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (-EUR 0.7 million).

The changes on the revenue side proposed in this DAB concern:

- the revision of the forecast of customs duties, value added tax (VAT) and gross national income (GNI) bases, the budgeting of the relevant UK corrections and their financing, which affects the distribution of own resources contributions from Member States to the EU budget;
- the reimbursement to the Member States of the overpaid sugar levies of EUR 93.0 million, following the judgement of the Court of Justice (case C-585/15 - Raffinerie Tirlemontoise).

Overall, this DAB increases the GNI contributions by EUR 2.8 billion.

2. On 15 and 31 October 2018, the Budget Committee examined the Commission proposal 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 advises the Council to:
  - adopt the Council's position on DAB No 6/2018 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;
  - 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 6 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 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 44 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2018 was definitively adopted on 30 November 2017<sup>2</sup>,
- on 16 October 2018, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget for the financial year 2018,
- in order to allow the adoption of draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget for 2018 before the end of the year, the Council needs to proceed without delay. Therefore, 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 laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 57, 28.2.2018, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 6 of the European Union for the financial year 2018 was adopted on 26 November 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 26 November 2018.

*For the Council  
The President*

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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 6 for the financial year 2018<sup>1</sup>, adopted by the Council on 26 November 2018.

(Complimentary close).

  

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 13961/18.