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From: Presidency

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Council 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)
– *Information to national Parliaments*

1. On 16 October 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 6 to the general budget for 2018.
2. In order to allow the Council to adopt a position on DAB No 6/2018¹ without delay, the Council has to decide, considering the urgency of the matter, to shorten, in accordance with Article 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure, the eight-week period laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union.
3. National Parliaments have to be informed thereof.

¹ The Council position on DAB No 6/2018 shall contain a recital stating that *"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."*

4. Accordingly, the Permanent Representatives Committee is requested to suggest that the Council:

- decide, on the basis of Article 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure, to shorten the eight-week period for the information of national Parliaments laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union;
- approve the attached communication to be addressed to national Parliaments by the General Secretariat of the Council.

DRAFT COMMUNICATION

To: National Parliaments

I would like to draw to your attention to the fact that draft amending budget No 6/2018 submitted by the Commission on 16 October 2018 needs to be adopted without delay.

In this perspective, the Council wishes to inform national Parliaments that, in accordance with Article 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure, it has to shorten the eight-week period laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union, in order to be able to adopt a position on draft amending budget No 6/2018 in a timely manner.

The Council trusts that the urgency of the matter will be widely understood and shared by national Parliaments.

(complementary close)
