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Subject: Council's position on the second draft budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019
- *Transmission to Member States' Parliaments*

The Conciliation Committee convened in the framework of the budgetary procedure¹ could not reach an agreement on the draft budget for 2019 submitted by the Commission on 21 June 2018. This has led to a second draft budget being submitted by the Commission on 30 November 2018 on the basis of Article 314(8) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union.

The Council considers that there is a chance to avoid the major disruption in the activities of the European Union that the absence of an EU budget would entail as from 1 January 2019, provided that very swift action is taken by all actors.

In the light of the above, 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, as well as the ten-day 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 the second draft budget for 2019 as soon as possible.

¹ See Article 314(5) TFEU.

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