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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	13042/17 FIN 610 (COM(2017) 597 final)
Subject:	Draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget for 2017: Reduction of payment and commitment appropriations in line with updated forecasts of expenditure and update of revenue (own resources and fines) – <i>Adoption of the Council's position</i>

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1. On 9 October 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 6 to the general budget for 2017.

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

- to decrease payment appropriations (p/a) by -EUR 7.7 billion mostly under sub-heading 1b (-EUR 5.9 billion), and to a lesser extent under headings 2, 3 and 4 due to delays in the implementation of the 2014-2020 programmes;
- to decrease commitment appropriations (c/a) by -EUR 15.3 million under heading 2 as a result of the latest needs assessment;
- to decrease c/a and p/a by -EUR 46 million for the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) relating to the payment of advances which will no longer be needed in 2017.

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

- the revision of the forecast of Traditional Own Resources (i.e. customs duties and sugar levies), 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;
- entering into the EU budget the fines decided by the Commission, for which all legal remedies were exhausted and which therefore became definitive in the course of 2017, reducing accordingly the own resources contributions from Member States to the EU budget.

Overall, this DAB decreases the level of c/a by -EUR 61.3 million and of p/a by -EUR 7 719.7 million.

2. On 10 and 17 October 2017, 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 6/2017 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,
  - agrees, by unanimity, to use the written procedure for this purpose.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 6 of the European Union for the financial year 2017**

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) 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<sup>1</sup> and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2017 was definitively adopted on 1 December 2016<sup>2</sup>,
- on 9 October 2017, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget for the financial year 2017,
- for needs related to national Treasury management, draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget for 2017 needs to be adopted 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 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 51, 28.2.2017, 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 2017 was adopted on 27 November 2017.

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

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

Done at Brussels, on 27 November 2017.

*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 2017<sup>1</sup>, adopted by the Council on 27 November 2017.

(Complimentary close).

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 14275/17 BUDGET 32.