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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From: Budget Committee  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council  
Subject: Council recommendations on the discharge to be given to the executive agencies in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2017  
– *Adoption*

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1. In accordance with Article 14(3) of Regulation (EC) No 58/2003<sup>1</sup> and the first paragraph of Article 66 of Regulation (EC) No 1653/2004<sup>2</sup>, the Council is required to draw up recommendations to the European Parliament on a discharge to be given to the executive agencies.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1).

<sup>2</sup> Commission Regulation (EC) No 1653/2004 of 21 September 2004 on a standard financial regulation for the executive agencies pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 (OJ L 297, 22.9.2004, p. 6).

2. At its meetings on 15, 25 and 31 January, the Budget Committee examined the six specific annual reports<sup>3</sup> of the European Court of Auditors related to executive agencies, and reached an agreement on the draft texts as set out in the Addendum.
3. The Budget Committee advises the Permanent Representatives Committee to suggest that the Council:
  - adopt the draft recommendations as set out in the Addendum to this note; and
  - arrange for them to be forwarded to the European Parliament and to approve the draft letter in the Annex to that effect.

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<sup>3</sup> OJ C 434, 30.11.2018, p. 1.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council  
to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 14(3) of Regulation (EC) No 58/2003<sup>1</sup> and the first paragraph of Article 66 of Regulation (EC) No 1653/2004<sup>2</sup>, I am forwarding under separate cover<sup>3</sup> the Council recommendations of 12 February 2019 on the discharge to be given to the executive agencies in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2017.

[Complimentary close].

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<sup>3</sup> Doc. 5826/19 + ADD 1.