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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	10874/19 (COM(2019) 610 final)
Subject:	Council position on draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for 2019: Reduction of commitment appropriations and payment appropriations in line with updated needs of expenditure and update of revenue (own resources) – <i>Adoption</i>

1. On 2 July 2019¹, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 4 to the general budget for 2019 regarding the reduction of commitment appropriations (c/a) and payment appropriations (p/a) in line with updated needs of expenditure and update of revenue (own resources).

The objective of this proposal is to update both the expenditure and the revenue sides of the budget to take account of the latest developments:

- (a) on the expenditure side:
 - to release c/a and p/a of budget lines for (sub-)headings 1a (*Competitiveness for growth and jobs*), 1b (*Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion*), 3 (*Security and Citizenship*), 4 (*Global Europe*), as well as the EU Solidarity Fund;

¹ All language versions should become available on 12 July 2019.

- to adjust the budget 2019 of the European Parliament, the European Court of Auditors and the European External Action Service as a result of the postponement of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union to 31 October 2019.
- (b) on the revenue side, to revise the forecast of Traditional Own Resources (i.e. customs duties and sugar sector levies), value-added tax (VAT) and gross national income (GNI) bases, and to budget the relevant UK corrections and their financing, which all affect the distribution of own resources contributions from Member States to the EU budget.
2. The Budget Committee examined DAB No 4/2019 at its meeting on 5 July and was able to accept it without any changes.
3. At the close of its examination, the Budget Committee agreed to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee:
- advises the Council to:
 - adopt the Council's position on DAB No 4/2019 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; and
 - 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.
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COUNCIL DECISION**adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 4 of the European Union for the financial year 2019**

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 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 44 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2019 was definitively adopted on 12 December 2018²,
- on 2 July 2019, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for the financial year 2019,
- in order to avoid a shortage of funds, the adjustments to the institutions' budgets need to be processed swiftly. The Council therefore needs to proceed without delay the adoption of draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for 2019. 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.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 67, 7.3.2019, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 4 of the European Union for the financial year 2019 was adopted on 3 September 2019.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website:
<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>.

Done at Brussels, on 3 September 2019.

*For the Council
The President*

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 4 for the financial year 2019, adopted by the Council on 3 September 2019.

(Complimentary close).
