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## 'I' ITEM NOTE

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From:	Presidency
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Council position on draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for 2019: Reduction of payment and commitment appropriations in line with updated forecasts of expenditure and update of revenue (own resources) – <i>Information to national Parliaments</i>

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1. On 2 July 2019<sup>1</sup>, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 4 to the general budget for 2019.
2. In order to allow the Council to adopt a position on DAB No 4/2019<sup>2</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</sup> All language versions should become available on 12 July 2019.

<sup>2</sup> The Council position on DAB No 4/2019 shall contain a recital stating that *"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."*

4. Accordingly, the Permanent Representatives Committee is requested:
- to advise the Council to:
    - 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.
  - to agree, by unanimity, to use the written procedure for this purpose.
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DRAFT COMMUNICATION

To: National Parliaments

I would like to draw to your attention to the fact that draft amending budget No 4/2019 submitted by the Commission on 2 July 2019<sup>3</sup> 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 4/2019 in a timely manner.

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

(complementary close)

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<sup>3</sup> All language versions are foreseen to be transmitted to national Parliaments on 12 July 2019.