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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From: Budget Committee

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Commission's request regarding the lease of premises for its representation in Paris (House of Europe) (Art. 266(3) and (5) FR)

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1. On 23 January 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council a request to lease premises for its representation in Paris (House of Europe), in accordance with Article 266(3) and (5) of the Financial Regulation<sup>1</sup>.
2. The Council had already been informed by the Commission of its intention to search for a new office space for the House of Europe in Paris on 20 July 2021, as provided for in Article 266(2) of the Financial Regulation.
3. The Budget Committee examined this request at its meeting on 26 January 2023. The same day, the Commission provided additional information about possible savings deriving from an earlier signature of the contract by the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
- the Commission’s request to lease premises for its representation in Paris (House of Europe);
  - the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect.
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DRAFT LETTER

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

Madam,

In accordance with Article 266(3) of the Financial Regulation of 18 July 2018<sup>2</sup>, I inform you that the Council has approved the request of the Commission, dated 23 January 2023, to lease premises for its representation in Paris (House of Europe).

(Complimentary close).

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<sup>2</sup> 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 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).