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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: Budget Committee

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: European External Action Service's request to finance a building acquisition project through a loan

- *Approval*
- *Approval of a letter*

1. On 17 February 2023, the European External Action Service submitted to the Council for prior approval, in accordance with Article 266(3), (5)(b) and (c), and (6) of the Financial Regulation¹, a request to finance a building acquisition project through a loan².
2. This request concerns the purchase of office premises for the EU Delegation to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), where the purchase with a 20-year loan compared to the rental option will start generating savings for the EU budget after the 18th year.

¹ 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).

² Doc. WK 2469/2023.

3. The Council had already been informed by the EEAS of its intention to purchase office premises in the city centre of Kinshasa to host the EU delegation to the DRC on 11 February 2021³, as provided for in Article 266(2) of the Financial Regulation.
 4. The Budget Committee examined this request at its meeting on 1 March 2023.
 5. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
 - the request of the European External Action Service to complete the purchase of the EU Delegation office premises in Kinshasa through a loan;
 - the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect.
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³ Doc. WK 2203/2021.

DRAFT LETTER

from: President of the Council

to: High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security

copy: President of the European Parliament

Dear Sir,

In accordance with Article 266(6) of the Financial Regulation of 18 July 2018⁴, I inform you that the Council has approved the request of the European External Action Service, dated 17 February 2023, to complete the purchase of the EU Delegation office premises in Kinshasa (DRC) through a loan.

(Complimentary close).

⁴ 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).