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#### 'I' ITEM NOTE

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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	7142/20 (COM(2020) 170 final)
Subject:	Council position on draft amending budget No 2 to the general budget for 2020: Providing emergency support to Member States and further reinforcement of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism/rescEU to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak

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1. On 2 April 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 2 to the general budget for 2020.

The purpose of DAB No 2/2020 is to provide EUR 3 000 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 1 530 million in payment appropriations under heading 3 (*Security and Citizenship*) to finance the provision of emergency support within the Union through the Emergency Support Instrument, which is proposed to be re-activated to help tackle the consequences of the COVID-19 outbreak and to further reinforce the Union Civil Protection Mechanism/rescEU to allow wider stock-piling and coordination of essential resource distribution across Europe<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> On top of the reinforcement (EUR 80 million, out of which EUR 10 million by redeployment within the Union Civil Protection Mechanism) included in DAB No 1/2020 (Doc. 7011/20 (COM(2020) 145 final).

2. In order to allow the Council to adopt a position on DAB No 2/2020 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. The Budget Committee examined DAB No 2/2020 at its meeting on 6 April and was able to accept it without any changes.
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
  - confirm its agreement on:
    - DAB No 2/2020 as set out in document 7142/20,
    - instructing 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
    - having the Council's position published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* as set out in Annex 1;
  - to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430, that the Council uses the written procedure for its adoption, and
  - to confirm its agreement that, in view of the urgency of the matter, the Council decides to derogate, on the basis of the second subparagraph of Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, from the eight-week period referred to in the first subparagraph of that Article.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 2 of the European Union for the financial year 2020**

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 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 44 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2020 was definitively adopted on 27 November 2019<sup>2</sup>;
- on 2 April 2020, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 2 to the general budget for the financial year 2020;
- in view of the COVID-19 outbreak and the urgency to address the associated public health crisis the Council needs to proceed without delay to the adoption of its position on draft amending budget No 2 to the general budget for 2020. 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,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 57, 27.2.2020, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 2 of the European Union for the financial year 2020 was adopted on 14 April 2020.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>.

Done at Brussels, on 14 April 2020.

*For the Council  
The President*

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DRAFT LETTER

from : Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee

to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

I am forwarding under separate cover the Council's position on draft amending budget No 2 for the financial year 2020, adopted by the Council on 14 April 2020.

(Complimentary close).

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