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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	10302/20 (COM(2020) 900 final)
Subject:	Council position on draft amending budget No 8 to the general budget for 2020: Increase of payment appropriations for the Emergency Support Instrument to finance the COVID-19 vaccines strategy and for the impact of the Corona Response Investment Initiative Plus

1. On 28 August 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 8 to the general budget for 2020.

The purpose of DAB No 8/2020 is to provide EUR 6.2 billion in payment appropriations to incorporate:

- (i) additional needs for payments appropriations for the Emergency Support Instrument (ESI) to finance the COVID-19 vaccines strategy, and
- (ii) the additional payment needs for cohesion following the adoption of the Corona Response Investment Initiative Plus (CRII+)¹.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2020/558 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2020 amending Regulations (EU) No 1301/2013 and (EU) No 1303/2013 as regards specific measures to provide exceptional flexibility for the use of the European Structural and Investments Funds in response to the COVID-19 outbreak (OJ L 130, 24.4.2020, p. 1).

2. In order to allow the Council to adopt a position on DAB No 8/2020 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 8/2020 at its meeting on 2 September 2020 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 8/2020 as set out in document 10302/20,
 - instructing the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and to approve the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect, and
 - having the Council Decision adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 8 of the European Union for the financial year 2020, as set out in document 10377/20, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
 - 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
 - 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.

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 8 for the financial year 2020, adopted by the Council on 11 September 2020.

(Complimentary close).
