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Draft Council statement on its position regarding draft amending budget No 3/2026

The Council notes that, in its presentation of the calculation of the financing of the budget [by category of own resources and by Member State], the Commission has reduced the level of detail and transparency by omitting the calculation of a "national contribution".

The discontinuation of information on the total current transfers paid by the general government of each Member State to the institutions of the European Union -figures which are subject to regular adjustments due to their basis in statistical aggregates- constitutes a break with EU financial reporting standards established at least since the financial year 2007, and also removes a standardised reference point for stakeholders, thereby limiting the possibility of conducting a well-informed analysis of contributions made to the EU budget.

The Council invites the Commission to reintroduce a calculation of "national contribution" in future draft budgets and draft amending budgets.

The adoption of this position on draft amending budget No 3/2026 is without prejudice to future or ongoing legislative deliberations that may be affected by the notion and concept of "national contributions".

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