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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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 26 May 2025, the European External Action Service submitted to the Council for prior approval, in accordance with Article 266(3), (5)(b) and (6) of the Financial Regulation¹, a request to finance a building acquisition project through a loan².
2. This request concerns the purchase of the currently leased office premises of the EU Delegation to Brazil. The EEAS intends to finance this purchase through a 20-year annuity loan at approximately 3.15 % interest, with a total cost of EUR 24.7 million.

The location of the property is unique and offers the EU an excellent facility that provides a functional, cost-effective, environmentally sustainable, safe, and secure working environment. It also ensures high visibility for the EU, which is becoming increasingly important in the context of the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement, for which a political agreement was reached on 6 December 2024.

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>).

² Doc. WK 6996/2024.

3. As provided for in Article 272(2) of the Financial Regulation, the Council had already been informed by the EEAS of its intention to possibly purchase its current office premises in Brasilia to host the EU delegation to Brazil on 11 December 2024³.
4. The Budget Committee examined this request at its meeting on 2 June 2024.
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 Brasilia through a loan;
 - the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect.

³ Doc. WK 15978/2024.

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 272(6) of the Financial Regulation of 23 September 2024⁴, I inform you that the Council has approved the request of the European External Action Service, dated 26 May 2025, to complete the purchase of the office premises of the EU Delegation to Brazil in Brasilia through a loan.

(Complimentary close).

⁴ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>).