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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Council
Subject:	Joint text on the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2025
	– Approval

- 1. Following meetings of the Conciliation Committee on 5, 15 and 16 November 2024, an agreement has been reached between the European Parliament and the Council on a joint text as provided for in Article 314(5) TFEU.
- 2. This joint text and its annexes have been forwarded to the European Parliament and the Council on 16 November 2024, which each have a period of fourteen days from this day to approve it (see the ANNEX), and consists of the following documents taken together, recorded in Addenda 1 to 5 to this document:
 - summary figures by financial framework headings (see document 15788/24 ADD 1);
 - line by line figures on all budget items (see documents 15788/24 ADD 2 and ADD 3);
 - a consolidated document showing the figures and final text of all lines amended during the Conciliation (see documents 15788/24 ADD 4 and ADD 5).

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- 3. The Conciliation Committee has also agreed on the joint statements recorded in Annex 2 to the ANNEX.
- 4. The <u>Council</u> is invited to:
 - approve the joint text on the budget 2025 as set out in the ANNEX and in Addenda 1 to
 5 to this document; and
 - record in its minutes the joint statements agreed on in the context of the joint text set out in Annex 2 to the ANNEX.

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Conciliation Committee on the budget 2025

Brussels, 16 November 2024

President-in-Office of the Council of the European Union 175, rue de la Loi B - 1048 Brussels

Dear President,

Based on Article 314(4) and (5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), and following information by the Council that it could not accept all the amendments adopted by the European Parliament on 23 October 2024 on the Council's position on the draft budget for 2025¹, the Conciliation Committee was convened for 29 October 2024, with a view to reaching agreement on a joint text.

The Conciliation Committee had at its disposal the following elements:

- draft budget proposed by the Commission (COM(2024) 300 final of 12 July 2024), as amended by letter of amendment No 1 (COM(2024) 651 final of 10 October 2024);
- Council's position on the draft budget (13 September 2024);
- European Parliament's amendments to the Council's position (23 October 2024).

Following meetings on 5, 15 and 16 November 2024 an agreement has been reached on 16 November 2024 on a joint text as provided for in Article 314(5) TFEU.

In accordance with Point 24 of Annex 1 to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020¹, the joint text for the budget 2025 shall consist of this letter and the following documents taken together, which are recorded in Annex 1:

- line by line figures for all budget items and summary figures by MFF headings;
- a consolidated document, indicating the figures and final text of all lines that have been amended during the conciliation procedure;
- the list of the lines not amended with regard to the draft budget or the Council's position on it.

Pursuant to Article 314(6) TFEU, the joint text is hereby forwarded to the European Parliament and the Council, which shall each have a period of fourteen days from this day, in which to approve the text for the purposes of paragraphs 7 and 8 of the same Article.

The Conciliation Committee has also agreed on or taken note of the statements recorded in Annex 2 to this letter.

An identical letter is addressed to the President of the European Parliament.

Johan VAN OVERTVELDT Co-chair Péter Benő BANAI Co-chair

Annexes: List of documents forming part of the joint text

Statements

2025 BUDGETARY PROCEDURE CONCILIATION DOCUMENT LIST OF DOCUMENTS FORMING PART OF THE JOINT TEXT - BUDGET 2025¹ -

Doc No 1: SUMMARY TABLES

FIGURES BY MFF HEADING

FIGURES BY PROGRAMME

AUTHORISED ESTABLISHMENT PLANS BY SECTION

Doc No 2: FIGURES BY BUDGET LINE

Doc No 2.1: OTHER SECTIONS

Doc No 2.2: SECTION III - COMMISSION

Doc No 3: AMENDMENTS BY BUDGET LINE

Doc No 3.1: OTHER SECTIONS

Doc No 3.2: SECTION III - COMMISSION

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The documents listed in this Annex will only be sent electronically.

2025 BUDGETARY PROCEDURE CONCILIATION DOCUMENT STATEMENTS

1. <u>Joint statement by the European Parliament and the Council on payment appropriations</u>

The European Parliament and the Council call on the Commission to continue closely and actively monitoring during the year 2025 the implementation of the programmes of the current and previous MFFs (particularly in sub-heading 2a and Rural Development), also linked to the implementation of Regional Emergency Support to Reconstruction (RESTORE) in line with the final legal set up and the uptake by Member States. To that end, the European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission to present, in a timely manner, updated figures concerning the state of affairs and estimates regarding 2025 payment appropriations. If the figures show that the appropriations entered in the 2025 budget are insufficient to cover the needs, the European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission to present as soon as possible an appropriate solution, *inter alia* a draft amending budget, with a view to allowing the European Parliament and the Council to take any necessary decisions as soon as possible without undue delay for justified needs. Where applicable, the European Parliament and the Council will take into account the urgency of the matter, shortening the eight-week period for a decision if deemed necessary. The same applies *mutatis mutandis* if the figures show that the appropriations entered in the 2025 budget are higher than needed.

2. <u>Joint statement by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on</u> releasing the payments linked to the RESTORE proposals in the 2025 budget

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission take note of the ongoing discussions on the Regional Emergency Support to Reconstruction (RESTORE) proposals to provide additional assistance to Member States affected by recent natural disasters¹. Pending the adoption of the legal base the payments linked to these proposals included in the amending letter (EUR 3 billion) are included in the adopted budget as a provision and will be released when the RESTORE proposals are adopted in line with Article 49(1) of the Financial Regulation.

COM(2024) 495 and 496, 21.10.2024.