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'I' ITEM NOTE

From: Budget Committee

To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Draft estimates of expenditure and revenue for the financial year 2027 (Section II - European Council and Council) for the letter of amendment in view of the accession of Montenegro

- *Approval*
 - *Approval of a letter*
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1. On 27 August 2026, the General Secretariat of the Council sent to the Budget Committee the draft estimates of expenditure and revenue for the financial year 2027 (Section II - European Council and Council) for the letter of amendment to the draft budget 2027 in view of the accession of Montenegro, as recorded in document 12556/26.
2. The draft estimates cover the additional appropriations required in 2027 to prepare for the accession of Montenegro in a timely manner, notably for the lawyer-linguist review of the translation of the *acquis communautaire* into Montenegrin. These appropriations were not included in the draft budget (DB) 2027.

The draft estimates propose to increase the DB 2027 (Section II – European Council and Council) by EUR 1 054 000. This amount covers the recruitment of 12 contractual staff (8 lawyers-linguists and 4 assistants) for lawyer-linguist revision, quality control and coordination with the Montenegrin authorities as from 1 January 2027.

3. The Budget Committee examined the draft estimates at its meeting on 2 September 2026.
 4. It agreed to review these estimates at a later stage when looking at the letter of amendment to the DB 2027 to be presented by the Commission.
 5. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee approve:
 - the estimates of expenditure and revenue for the financial year 2027 (Section II - European Council and Council) to be included in the Commission's letter of amendment to the DB 2027 in view of the accession of Montenegro, as set out in document 12556/26;
 - the draft letter to the Commission set out in the ANNEX.
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DRAFT LETTER

from: Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee

to: President of the Commission

Madam,

The Permanent Representatives Committee today approved the estimates of expenditure and revenue for the financial year 2027 (Section II - European Council and Council)¹ to be included in the letter of amendment to the draft budget 2027 in view of the accession of Montenegro.

(Complimentary close)

¹ Doc. 12556/26.