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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council |
| No. Cion doc.: | 9795/17 FIN 334 (COM(2017) 288 final) |
| Subject: | Draft amending budget No 3 to the general budget for 2017: Increasing the budgetary resources of the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) to pursue the reduction of youth unemployment across the European Union and updating the staff establishment plans of the decentralised agency ACER and the joint undertaking SESAR2 |

1. On 30 May 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 3 to the general budget for 2017 increasing the budgetary resources of the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) as agreed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission in the outcome of the Conciliation Committee on the 2017 budgetary procedure. The amount requested is EUR 500 million in commitment appropriations.

This DAB also includes a modification to the establishment plans of the decentralised agency ACER and the joint undertaking SESAR2, while the total number of posts remains unchanged.

2. On 30 May, 27 June and 7 July 2017, the Budget Committee examined the Commission proposal and was able to accept it without any changes.

3. At the close of its examination, the Budget Committee agreed to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee:
- advises the Council to:
 - adopt the Council's position on DAB No 3/2017 as set out in point 2;
 - instruct the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and to approve the draft letter in Annex 2 to that effect;
 - have the Council's position published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* as set out in Annex 1;
 - record in its minutes the unilateral statement by Austria, Germany and Sweden set out in Annex 3.
 - agrees, by unanimity, to use the written procedure for this purpose.
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COUNCIL DECISION

adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 3 of the European Union for the financial year 2017

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 314 thereof, in conjunction with the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002¹ and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2017 was definitively adopted on 1 December 2016²,
- on 30 May 2017, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 3 to the general budget for the financial year 2017,

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 51, 28.2.2017, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 3 of the European Union for the financial year 2017 was adopted on 4 September 2017.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>.

Done at Brussels, on 4 September 2017.

*For the Council
The President*

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

I am forwarding under separate cover the Council's position on draft amending budget No 3 for the financial year 2017, adopted by the Council on 4 September 2017.

(Complimentary close).

UNILATERAL STATEMENT BY AUSTRIA, GERMANY AND SWEDEN

"Austria, Germany and Sweden regret that the reclassification of the Executive Director of the joint undertaking SESAR2 to AD15 has been submitted in draft amending budget No 3/2017 in connection with a project of utmost political priority. They recall that the classification of Executive Directors is in principle AD 14. However, in order to make the necessary resources available to the Youth Employment Initiative without delay, Austria, Germany and Sweden accept draft amending budget No 3/2017 as proposed by the Commission."
