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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	10694/17 FIN 416 (COM(2017) 541 final)
Subject:	Draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for 2017 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Italy

1. On 27 June 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 4 to the general budget for 2017 regarding the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for a total amount of EUR 1 166 797 579 in commitment (c/a) and payment appropriations (p/a).

The objective of this proposal is to provide financial assistance to Italy in response to a series of earthquakes that took place between August 2016 and January 2017 in the regions Abruzzo, Lazio, Marche and Umbria.

The corresponding appropriations are to be recorded under Article 13 06 01 (*EU Solidarity Fund - Assistance to Member States in the event of a major natural disaster with serious repercussions on living conditions, the natural environment or the economy*), after the deduction of the advance already paid in 2016 (EUR 30 million). The Commission proposes to finance the necessary p/a from the surplus identified in some completion lines related to the European Regional Development Fund (-EUR 981 150 000) and the Cohesion Fund (-EUR 256 050 013). Furthermore, the negative reserve activated in amending budget No 1/2017 is replenished (+EUR 70 402 434).

2. On 29 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 4/2017 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; and
 - have the Council's position published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* as set out in Annex 1.
 - agrees, by unanimity, to use the written procedure for this purpose.

COUNCIL DECISION

adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 4 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 27 June 2017, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 4 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 4 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 4 for the financial year 2017, adopted by the Council on 4 September 2017.

(Complimentary close).
