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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	10933/15 FIN 523 (COM(2015) 351 final)
Subject:	Draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget for 2015: Own Resources, Union Trust Funds for External Action, Office of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications

1. On 15 July 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 6 to the general budget for 2015, covering the following elements:
 - a revision of the forecast of Own Resources and of the UK correction,
 - the creation of two new budget items 21 01 04 08 and 22 01 04 03 (*Support expenditure for trust funds managed by the European Commission*) in the policy areas Development and Cooperation, and Enlargement, with a p.m. token entry,
 - the budgetary neutral amendment of the establishment plan of the BEREC Office.

The revised forecast of Own Resources was agreed at the 163rd ACOR meeting held on 19 May 2015 and concerns customs duties, VAT and GNI bases. The forecasts for net customs duties and the GNI base were revised upwards (+6.79 % and +0.42 % respectively), and the forecast of the VAT base was revised downwards (-1.26 %).

The correction of budgetary imbalances in favour of the United Kingdom (UK correction) concerns the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. This correction is financed by the other Member States, excluding the UK.

2. On 1 September 2015, 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 advise the Council to:
 - adopt the Council's position on DAB No 6/2015 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.

COUNCIL DECISION

adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 6 of the European Union for the financial year 2015

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 2015 was definitively adopted on 17 December 2014²,
- on 15 July 2015, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget for the financial year 2015,

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 69, 13.3.2015, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 6 of the European Union for the financial year 2015 was adopted on 18 September 2015.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website:
<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>.

Done in Brussels, on 18 September 2015.

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 6 for the financial year 2015¹, adopted by the Council on 18 September 2015.

(Complimentary close).

¹ Doc. 11695/15 BUDGET 27.