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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	13159/15 FIN 699 (COM(2015) 545 final)
Subject:	Draft amending budget No 8 to the general budget for 2015: Own Resources and European Data Protection Supervisor

1. On 20 October 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 8 to the general budget for 2015.

This DAB concerns mainly the revision of the forecast of own resources that the Commission undertakes before the end of October each year, in accordance with Article 16 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000 of 22 May 2000. As a result of this revision, the proposed DAB includes the following elements:

- the upward revision (EUR 0.8 billion) of the forecast of traditional own resources (customs duties);
- the budgeting of the remainder of the 2014 VAT and GNI own resources balances (EUR 5.7 billion);
- the budgeting of the 2015 VAT and GNI own resources balances (EUR 1.4 billion).

Moreover, this DAB includes an update of the forecast for other revenue (EUR 1.5 billion).

Finally, a reduction of EUR 123 474 in both commitment and payment appropriations in the budget of the European Data Protection Supervisor is also included in this DAB.

The overall impact in terms of revenue is a decrease in the GNI based contribution of EUR 9.4 billion.

2. During its meetings on 20 and 26 October 2015, the Budget Committee examined the Commission proposal and was able to accept it unanimously 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 8/2015 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 8 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 20 October 2015, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 8 to the general budget for the financial year 2015,
- in order to facilitate Member States' cash flow management at year-end and alleviate the financial burden on national treasuries in a timely manner, draft amending budget No 8 to the general budget for 2015 needs to be adopted without delay. Therefore, it is justified to shorten, in accordance with Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, the eight-week period for the information of national Parliaments laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1,

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 8 of the European Union for the financial year 2015 was adopted on 10 November 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 10 November 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 8 for the financial year 2015¹, adopted by the Council on 10 November 2015.

(Complimentary close).

¹ Doc. 13439/15 BUDGET 37.