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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	5682/17 FIN 46 (COM(2017) 46 final)
Subject:	Draft amending budget No 1 to the general budget for 2017 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal

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1. On 26 January 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 1 to the general budget for 2017 regarding the mobilisation of the the EU Solidarity Fund for a total amount of EUR 71 524 810 in commitment (c/a) and payment appropriations (p/a).

The objective of this proposal is to provide financial assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal in response to natural disasters that hit those countries in 2015 and 2016.

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*). The

Commission proposes to finance the necessary p/a by making use of the negative reserve, as provided for in Article 47 of the Financial Regulation.

2. The Budget Committee examined DAB No 1/2017 at its meeting on 31 January.

During this examination, the Budget Committee noted that advances paid to Cyprus and Portugal in the framework of this mobilisation were not deducted by the Commission from its financing proposal.

Therefore, the Presidency proposed to amend DAB No 1/2017 accordingly and to subtract the advances paid. An amount of EUR 1 122 376 is therefore subtracted in c/a and p/a from DAB No 1/2017, which, as amended, stands at EUR 70 402 434 instead of EUR 71 524 810.

The Budget Committee examined this Presidency proposal at its meeting on 13 February and was able to accept it.

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 1/2017 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.

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**COUNCIL DECISION**

**adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 1 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 1605/2002<sup>1</sup> and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2017 was definitively adopted on 1 December 2016<sup>2</sup>,
- on 26 January 2017, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 1 to the general budget for the financial year 2017,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 51, 28.2.2017, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 1 of the European Union for the financial year 2017 was adopted on 3 April 2017.

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

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 3 April 2017.

*For the Council  
The President*

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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 1 for the financial year 2017<sup>1</sup>, adopted by the Council on 3 April 2017.

(Complimentary close).

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 7003/17 BUDGET 2.