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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Delegations |
| No. Cion doc.: | 6952/16 FIN 164 (COM(2016) 152 final) |
| Subject: | Adoption of the Council's position on draft amending budget No 1 to the general budget for 2016: New instrument to provide emergency support within the Union |

On 16 March 2016, the Council adopted its position on DAB No 1 to the general budget for 2016 by written procedure.

All delegations confirmed that they agree to:

- adopt the Council's position on DAB No 1 to the general budget for 2016, by accepting the Commission's proposal recorded in document 6952/16 without any changes;
- instruct the Presidency, assisted by the General Secretariat of the Council, to forward the Council's position together with the explanatory memorandum to the European Parliament, in accordance with Article 314(3) TFEU, and to approve a draft letter to the European Parliament to that effect;
- have the Council's position, as set out in the ANNEX, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;

- shorten the eight-week period, laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of National Parliaments in the European Union, on the basis of Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, and to approve a communication to be addressed to national Parliaments by the General Secretariat of the Council to that effect.
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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 2016

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 2016 was definitively adopted on 25 November 2015²,

- on 10 March 2016, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 1 to the general budget for the financial year 2016,
- given the fact that draft amending budget No 1 to the general budget for 2016 needs to be adopted without delay so as to be able to cover immediate and urgent funding needs resulting from the massive influx of refugees and migrants into the Union, 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 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union.

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 48, 24.2.2016, 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 2016 was adopted on 16 March 2016.

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

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

Done in Brussels, on 16 March 2016.

*For the Council
The President*
