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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Discharge to be given to the executive agencies in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2014 – *Draft Council recommendations*

1. In accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes[1], and in particular Article 14(3) thereof, and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1653/2004 of 21 September 2004 on a standard financial regulation for the executive agencies pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003[2], and in particular Article 66, first paragraph, thereof, the Council is required to draw up recommendations to the European Parliament on a discharge to be given to the executive agencies.

[1] OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 297, 22.9.2004, p. 6.

2. At its meetings on 7 and 27 January 2016, the Budget Committee examined the six specific annual reports[1] of the European Court of Auditors related to executive agencies, and reached an agreement on the draft texts as set out in the Addendum.

3. The Budget Committee advises the Permanent Representatives Committee to suggest that the Council:

   – adopt the draft recommendations as set out in the Addendum to this note; and

   – arrange for them to be forwarded to the European Parliament and to approve the draft letter in the Annex to that effect.

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[1] OJ C 409, 9.12.2015.

ANNEX

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 14(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes[1] and the first paragraph of Article 66 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1653/2004 of 21 September 2004 on a standard financial regulation for the executive agencies pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003[2], I am forwarding under separate cover[3] the Council recommendations of 12 February 2016 on the discharge to be given to the executive agencies in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2014.

[Complimentary close].

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1 OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1.
2 OJ L 297, 22.9.2004, p. 6.
3 Doc. 5585/16 FIN 59 PE-L 5 + ADD 1.