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From: Budget Committee
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

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Subject: Estimates of expenditure and revenue for the financial year 2026
(Section II - European Council and Council)
– *Approval*
– *Approval of a letter*

1. On 4 March 2025, the General Secretariat of the Council sent the draft estimates of expenditure and revenue for the financial year 2026 (Section II - European Council and Council) to the Budget Committee, as recorded in document 6240/25.
2. The Budget Committee examined the draft estimates at its meeting on 14 March 2025.
3. It agreed to review these estimates at a later stage when preparing the adoption of the Council's position on the draft budget for 2026. A draft statement is recorded in ANNEX 1.

4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee:

- approve the estimates of expenditure and revenue for the financial year 2026 (Section II - European Council and Council), as set out in document 6240/25;
- enter in its minutes the draft statement set out in ANNEX 1;
- approve the draft letter to the Commission set out in ANNEX 2.

DRAFT COUNCIL STATEMENT FOR THE COREPER MINUTES

“The establishment of the estimates of the European Council and the Council for the financial year 2026, to be included in the draft budget presented by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Article 314(1) TFEU, is without prejudice to the Council’s position on the draft budget of the European Council and the Council to be adopted in accordance with Article 314(3) TFEU. The Council will adopt its position by reviewing the estimates, including by taking into account possible new elements after the establishment of these estimates and the horizontal approach regarding the institutions’ administrative expenditure.”

DRAFT LETTER

from: Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee

to: President of the Commission

Madam,

The Permanent Representatives Committee today approved the estimates of expenditure and revenue for the financial year 2026 (Section II - European Council and Council)¹ for inclusion in the draft budget for 2026.

(Complimentary close)

¹ Doc. 6240/25.