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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: Budget Committee
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Transfer of appropriations No V/DEC-01/T/25 within Section V - European Court of Auditors - of the general budget for 2025

- *Approval*
- *Approval of a letter*

1. On 7 March 2025, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No V/DEC-01/T/25, in accordance with Articles 31 and 49 of the Financial Regulation¹.
2. The purpose of this proposal is to transfer from Chapter 10 0 (*Provisional appropriations*) an amount of EUR 520 000 to Item 1 2 0 0 (*Remunerations and allowances*) and an amount of EUR 280 000 to Sub-item 1 4 0 0-06 (*Contract workers*).

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>).

An amount of EUR 800 000 was granted by the budgetary authority in the budget 2025 to cover the temporary Housing allowance to be paid to some categories of staff members residing in Luxembourg, with the objective to partially compensate for the high costs of living of Luxembourg. The amount was entered under the “provisions” title of ECA’s section of the budget, in view to be transferred to the respective budget lines after the adoption of an internal decision.

On 19 December 2024, the Secretary-General of the European Court of Auditors adopted Decision no. 76-2024 establishing a Housing allowance for certain staff members serving in Luxembourg, with entry into force on 1 January 2025. The Decision is based on the common model agreed between all participating institutions.

In order to be in a position to honour its legal obligation, the European Court of Auditors requests a transfer of appropriations to reinforce the above Item and Sub-item.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 14 March 2025.
4. Following the examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
 - the proposed transfer of appropriations;
 - the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council
to : President of the European Court of Auditors
copy : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 31(6) of the Financial Regulation of 23 September 2024¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No V/DEC-01/T/25 within Section V – European Court of Auditors - of the general budget for 2025.

(Complimentary close).

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