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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	8539/24 (COM(2024) 921 final)
Subject:	Council position on draft amending budget No 3 to the general budget for 2024: Reinforcing the European Public Prosecutor's Office following the accession of Poland and the expected participation of Sweden

1. On 9 April 2024, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 3/2024 to the general budget for 2024 concerning the reinforcement of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (the EPPO) following the accession of Poland and the expected participation of Sweden¹.

The aim of this proposal is to reinforce the EPPO by allocating additional twenty establishment plan posts for the recruitment of European Prosecutors and the necessary support functions, to take account of the additional workload stemming from the participation of two additional Member States. Consequently, the budget of the EPPO is proposed to be increased by EUR 3.6 million to cover the expenditure linked to the participation of Poland and Sweden, for the remaining part of the year 2024. This expenditure is related to the salaries of the staff to be hired, as well as operational expenditure, including salaries of additional European Delegated Prosecutors to be appointed in Poland and Sweden.

¹ Doc. 8539/24.

Overall, the net impact of DAB No 3/2024 on expenditure amounts to an increase of EUR 3.6 million in commitment and in payment appropriations.

2. In order to allow the Council to adopt a position on this draft amending budget without delay, the Council has to decide, considering the urgency of the matter, to shorten, in accordance with Article 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure, the eight-week period laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union.
3. The Budget Committee examined DAB No 3/2024 at its meetings on 9 and 16 April 2024, and was able to accept it without any changes.
4. At the close of its examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to:
 - adopt the Council’s position on DAB No 3/2024 as set out in point 3;
 - instruct the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and to approve the draft letter in the annex to that effect;
 - have the Council Decision adopting the Council’s position on draft amending budget No 3/2024 of the European Union for the financial year 2024, as set out in document 8804/24, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*; and
 - in view of the urgency of the matter, decide to derogate, on the basis of Article 3(3), second subparagraph, of the Council’s Rules of Procedure, from the eight-week period referred to in the first subparagraph of that article.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

Madam,

I am forwarding under separate cover the Council's position on draft amending budget No 3/2024 for the financial year 2024², adopted by the Council on 22 April 2024.

(Complimentary close).

² Doc. 8805/2024 + ADD 1.