



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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FIN 414

"I/A" ITEM NOTE

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| from : | Budget Committee |
| to : | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council |
| No. Cion prop. : | 14713/08 FIN 412 |
| Subject : | Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC34/2008 within Section III – Commission – of the general budget for 2008 (CE/NCE) |

1. The Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC34/2008 within Section III – Commission – of the general budget for 2008.

The purpose of the proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 50,7 million in c/a to Chapter 19 08 - heading 19 08 01 03 (*European Neighbourhood policy and Partnership - financial cooperation with Eastern Europe*). The appropriations will be drawn from the following budget headings:

- an amount of EUR 39 544 000 from the *Emergency aid reserve* (Article 40 02 42),
- a total of EUR 4,3 million from two headings of Chapter 19 06 (*Crisis response and global threats to security*),
- an amount of EUR 3 million from Article 19 11 02 (*Information programmes for non-member countries*),
- an amount of EUR 1 million from Article 20 02 01 (*External trade relations, including access to the markets of non-Community countries*),

- an amount of EUR 1 656 000 from Article 21 06 02 (*Relations with South Africa*),
and
- an amount of EUR 1, 2 million from Article 21 07 04 (*Commodities Agreements*).

as indicated in 14713/08 FIN 412.

2. This transfer is proposed to allow the European Union to provide rapid assistance to Georgia, following the crisis which occurred in summer 2008, in order to finance measures to help persons displaced within the country.
3. The European Parliament consulted the Council on this proposal for a transfer on 27 October 2008.
4. The Budget Committee examined the transfer proposal at its meeting on 28 October 2008.
5. In accordance with the provisions of point 25 of the Inter-institutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, an agreement on the use of the Emergency Aid Reserve and on the amount proposed by the Commission was reached at a simplified trialogue.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to advise the Council:
 - not to oppose the proposal for a transfer of appropriations.