2011 general budget: all sections, second version

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On 16 June 2010, the Commission submitted a proposal containing the draft budget for the financial year 2011, regarding which no agreement was reached under the conciliation procedure provided for in Article 314(4) to (6) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

In application of Article 314(8) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Commission submitted a new draft budget on 26 November 2010 for the same financial year.

This new draft budget for 2011 is based on the latest state of play of the negotiations in the Conciliation Committee on 15 November 2010, subject to some changes to take into account new elements which were not known at that time:

- **payment appropriations** are set at the level retained in the Council position of August 2010: **EUR 126.527 billion**, which represents an increase of 2.9 % compared to the budget for 2010 (amending budgets 1 to 7 included). The criteria used for the breakdown of payment appropriations between the various headings and sub-headings of the financial framework remain unchanged. A draft joint statement on payment appropriations was also agreed in which the European Parliament and the Council ask the Commission to submit an amending budget if the appropriations entered in the 2011 budget are insufficient to cover expenditure under sub-heading 1a (Competitiveness for growth and employment), sub-heading 1b (Cohesion for growth and employment), heading 2 (Preservation and management of natural resources), heading 3 (Citizenship, freedom, security and justice) and heading 4 (EU as a global player). They also urge the Commission to present by the end of September 2011 at the latest updated figures concerning the state of play and estimates regarding payment appropriations under sub-heading 1b and rural development under heading 2, and, if necessary, to present a draft amending budget for this sole purpose;
- **commitment appropriations increase only by 0.24% instead of 0.48%** on 15 November. This decrease is mainly due to a reduction of the appropriations in heading 2 (Preservation and management of natural resources) resulting from letter of amendment No 1 to draft amending budget No 10/2010;
- a mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for an amount of **EUR 34 million** beyond sub-heading 1a and EUR 71 million beyond heading 4 is proposed.

On 10 December 2010, the Council reached an agreement on the **new draft budget for 2011 amended as follows**:

- appropriations for the **salary adjustment in 2011 are included in the new draft budget for a total amount of EUR 91.1 million**;
- **payment appropriations related to budget lines other than those for heading 5 are reduced by EUR 91.1 million** by using the same criteria as for the breakdown of payment appropriations in the new draft budget;
- as regards fifteen budget lines, seven transfers of appropriations to the reserve, six transfers of appropriations to the budget line, as well as two technical adjustments are included as set out in an Addendum to the budget.

The total revenue needs to be updated taking into account the Council's position at the time of the adoption of the new draft budget for 2011.

On 10 December 2010, the Council adopted its position on the new draft budget of the European Union for 2011 on the basis of the above-mentioned information.