Amending budget 7/2014: surplus 2013

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The Committee on Budgets adopted the report by Gérard DEPREZ (ADLE, BE) on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 8/2014 of the European Union for the financial year 2014, Section III – Commission.

Members recalled that this DAB was presented by the Commission because the Conciliation Committee could not reach an agreement on Draft amending budget No 2/2014, which had the exact same purpose and content as DAB No 8/2014 (that is to enter in the 2014 budget the surplus from the 2013 financial year, amounting to EUR 1 005 million).

They stated that the Council had approved in its reading of 17 July 2014, while the Parliament had introduced an amendment to it in its position in order to maintain its political and procedural link with DABs No 3/2014, 4/2014, 5/2014, 6/2014 and 7/2014.

Blocking of DAB No 2/2014: Members pointed out that the **Conciliation Committee could not reach an agreement on the adoption of DAB No 2/2014** because of the differences in positions between the Parliament and the Council on the outstanding payment needs for 2014 and the package of DABs No 2 -7 /2014, and **not on the contents of DAB No 2/2014 per se**.

Therefore, Members called on the Parliament to approve the Council position on Draft amending budget No 8/2014.