

**COUNCIL DECISION****of 6 December 2012****adopting the Council's position on the draft budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013**

(2012/C 378/05)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 314(3) thereof, in conjunction with the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 23 November 2012, the Commission submitted a proposal containing the new draft budget for the financial year 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>.
- (2) The Council examined the Commission proposal with a view to defining a position consistent, on the revenue side, with Council Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom of 7 June 2007 on the system of the European Communities' own resources <sup>(2)</sup>, and on the expenditure side, with Part I of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management <sup>(3)</sup>, which, in the absence of any multiannual financial framework established pursuant to Article 312 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, constitutes the currently applicable instrument of budgetary discipline.
- (3) Given the need to adopt a Council's position on the new draft budget as soon as possible with a view to a budget

being definitively adopted before the beginning of the financial year 2013, thus ensuring the continuity of the Union's action, it is justified to shorten, in accordance with Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, the 8-week period for the information of national parliaments, as well as the 10-day period foreseen for placing the item on the Council's provisional agenda laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

The Council's position on the new draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013 was adopted by the Council on 6 December 2012.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website: <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>

Done at Brussels, 6 December 2012.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
L. LOUCA

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<sup>(1)</sup> COM(2012) 716 final.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 163, 23.6.2007, p. 17.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 347, 24.12.2009, p. 26.