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"A" ITEM

Draft amending budget No 1 to the general budget for 2012 - Statement of expenditure by Section - Section III - Commission

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The Council adopted its position on draft amending budget No 1 to the general budget for 2012, with the Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Swedish delegations abstaining.

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3. Multiannual Financial Framework (2014-2020)

- Sections of Negotiating Box relating to Headings 1 (except cohesion and CEF), 3, 4 and 5, and horizontal issues
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In the framework of discussions on the future multiannual financial framework, the Council had an exchange of views on the sections of the Negotiating Box relating to Headings :
1 "Smart and inclusive growth" (except cohesion and CEF), 3 "Security and citizenship",
4 "Global Europe, 5 "Administration" as well as to horizontal issues. The Czech, Estonian, German, Latvian, Dutch, Slovak, Swedish and United Kingdom delegations made the following statement relating to the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund.

Statement by the Czech, Estonian, German, Latvian, Dutch, Slovak, Swedish and United Kingdom delegations

"Globalisation brings with it undoubted benefits. To meet challenges and make use of opportunities of globalisation require first and foremost an active approach of Member States, based on continuing structural reforms enhancing their competitiveness and preparing their labour force for rapid changes of the globalised economy.

In case of transitory impacts of globalisation on local and regional economies short term initiatives may be needed to facilitate the re-integration of workers into the labour market.

This is in line with the principle of subsidiarity, under which (except for in areas that do not fall within its exclusive competence) the Union shall act only if and in so far as the action cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States it can be better achieved at Union level.

For above mentioned reasons we do not believe there should be a new EGF for the period 2014-2020. "

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