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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 314 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Article 106a of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,
- having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 44 thereof,
- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019, as definitively adopted on 12 December 2018²,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020³,
- having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management⁴,
- having regard to Council Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom of 26 May 2014 on the system of own resources of the European Union⁵,
- having regard to Draft amending budget No 4/2019, which the Commission adopted on 2 July 2019 (COM(2019)0610),
- having regard to the position on Draft amending budget No 4/2019 which the Council adopted on and forwarded to Parliament on (00000/0000 – C9-0000/2019),
- having regard to Rules 94 and 96 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A9-0000/2019),

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 67, 7.3.2019.

³ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.

⁴ OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

⁵ OJ L 168, 7.6.2014, p. 105.

- A. whereas Draft amending budget No 4/2019 aims to update both the expenditure and the revenue sides of the budget to take account of the latest developments;
- B. whereas, on the expenditure side, Draft amending budget No 4/2019 decreases commitment and payment appropriations of budget lines by EUR 112 million and EUR 67,5 million respectively, in heading 1a "Competitiveness for growth and jobs", heading 1b "Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion", and heading 2 "Sustainable growth – natural resources"; whereas Draft amending budget No 4/2019 also seeks to increase by EUR 11,9 million commitment and payment appropriations in Heading 5, to adjust the budget 2019 of some institutions as a result of the postponement of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union to 31 October 2019;
- C. whereas, on the revenue side, Draft amending budget No 4/2019 concerns a revision of the forecast of Traditional Own Resources (i.e. customs duties and sugar sector levies), value-added tax (VAT) and gross national income (GNI) bases, and to budget the relevant UK corrections and their financing, which all affect the distribution of own resources contributions from Member States to the Union budget;
1. Takes note of the Commission's proposal;
 2. Takes note of the rebalancing of own resources made necessary by the revision of the forecast of Traditional Own Resources and VAT and by updates to the UK correction;
 3. Approves the Council position on Draft amending budget No 4/2019;
 4. Instructs its President to declare that Amending budget No 4/2019 has been definitively adopted and arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.