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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Subject: Implementation of the European Parliament's 2006 Budget

Please find attached the proposal for transfer of appropriations C24-financial year 2006.

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
FOR INTERNAL POLICIES

Mr Janusz LEWANDOWSKI
Chairman of the Committee on Budgets

Subject: Request for transfer of appropriations C24 - financial year 2006

Dear Mr Lewandowski,

In accordance with the provisions of Articles 24 and 43 of the Financial Regulation of 25 June 2002, please find attached a request for transfer of appropriations.

I should be grateful if you would present this draft transfer to your committee, if possible at its meeting on 10 October 2005.

Yours sincerely,

Josep BORRELL FONTELLES

Annex: Request for transfer of appropriations C24/2006

I. DESCRIPTION

Transfer of appropriations C24/2006

from:

Chapter 100 "Provisional appropriations" - € 8 000 000

to:

Sub-item 2007/03 "Fitting-out of premises: Brussels" + € 8 000 000

II. STATE OF APPROPRIATIONS: according to Finics as at 25/09/2006

Initial approps. ± AB ± transfers	Commitments entered into	Payments made	Approps. available before proposed transfer	Amount of proposed transfer	Approps. available after proposed transfer
FROM					
100 " Provisional appropriations"					
33 681 580					
- 14 478 000	Transfer C2				
- 4 000 000	Transfer C8				
- 7 203 580	Pending C19				
8 000 000		0	8 000 000	- 8 000 000	0
TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED OUT				- 8 000 000	
TO					
2007/03 "Fitting-out of premises: Brussels"					
4 135 000					
+ 1 300 000	Transfer S13				
5 435 000	2 965 695	324 314	2 469 305	+ 8 000 000	10 469 305
TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED IN				+ 8 000 000	

III. JUSTIFICATION

2007/03 "Fitting-out of premises: Brussels" + € 8 000 000

1. This appropriation is intended to cover fitting-out work and related expenditure, in particular architects' or engineers' fees. The amount allocated to this sub-item in the 2006 budget is € 4 135 000.
2. When voting on the 2006 budget at first reading on 27 October 2005, Parliament adopted amendment no. 474 placing € 8 000 000 of the € 19 415 000 from item 2007 "Fitting-out of premises" in the Chapter 100 reserve *"pending a final decision by the Bureau on the construction of two meeting rooms in Strasbourg"*.

The purpose of the present proposal is to request the release of € 8 000 000 from the Chapter 100 reserve following clarification of the situation concerning the two additional meeting rooms in Strasbourg.

Background

3. When preparations were being made in 2002 for enlargement to include the 10 new Member States, the Administration proposed constructing two 450-seat meeting rooms, each with 27 interpreters' booths, in the area in front of the Louise Weiss Building.
4. In July 2002, the Bureau was given a presentation on the plan and started consultation with political groups.
5. One political group displayed opposition to the works, voting accordingly on 12 February 2003. Since then, the matter has been left in abeyance waiting to see what would be the real needs after enlargement.

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6. The Administration is no longer pursuing the project. For that reason, it had requested no appropriations for it in the 2006 budget. All the appropriations requested and entered in the 2006 budget concern other building projects.
7. Nevertheless, during discussions on the 2006 budget, at first reading amendment no. 474 was tabled and adopted on 27 October 2005 which stipulated that € 8 000 000 requested for item 2007 should be placed in the reserve, "*pending a final decision by the Bureau on the construction of two meeting rooms in Strasbourg*".
8. The amount thus placed in reserve had initially been intended for the following four projects which are now consequently blocked:

• fitting-out of the underground storage at 50-70 rue WIERTZ (implementation of Bureau decision of 13 December 2004)	€ 1 600 000
• extension of the connecting passage D4/D5 to the Spinelli building (implementation of Bureau decision of 9 October 2002)	€ 1 600 000
• fitting-out of the new Security dispatching area in the Spinelli building (implementation of Bureau decision of 16 December 2002)	€ 2 000 000
• refitting of the kitchen of the self-service canteen in the Spinelli building, including the connection with D5 (implementation of Bureau decision of 8 October 2003)	€ 2 800 000
Total	€ 8 000 000

9. At the start of this year, a request was submitted to transfer the amount in question from the reserve to the heading in order to meet needs in connection with fitting-out works planned for 2006.

10. At the rapporteur's request, however, the transfer has not taken place, pending a Bureau decision with regard to construction of the two rooms.
11. On 26 September 2006, the Bureau examined a proposal of Vice-President Onesta for the discontinuation of the project and *"decided to formally abandon the proposed construction of two meeting rooms in Strasbourg."*
12. *Now that the condition for proposing the release out of the reserve of the appropriations has been met, it is requested that the € 8 000 000 be released from the specific reserve in Chapter 100 "Provisional appropriations" and transferred to the corresponding sub-item 2007/03 "Fitting-out of premises: Brussels" in order to allow the works scheduled in Brussels to begin.*

IV. REQUEST BY DELEGATED AUTHORISING OFFICER RECEIVING TRANSFER

Nicolas RIEFFEL

Signature :

Date :