

ANNEX 2

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Following the successful completion of the Pilot Project, the two arms of the budgetary authority, at the initiative of the Parliament, agreed in the Budget 2012, to authorise the project to go to the next phase, as a Preparatory Action for the three years 2012 to 2014. The purpose of the action 'is to set up an inter-institutional system identifying long-term trends on major policy issues facing the European Union. The intention is to provide common analyses of probable outcomes on major issues to be available to policy-makers. Furthermore, to achieve this goal, it would now be appropriate to explore in detail the design of specific mechanisms for promoting closer working cooperation between the research departments of the various EU institutions and bodies which are devoted to the analysis of medium- and long-term policy trends'.

Article 25 01 10 — Preparatory action — Interinstitutional system identifying long-term trends facing the Union

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	Budget 2011		Draft budget 2012		Council's position 2012		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
25 01 10			p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000
Reserve										
Total			p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

Remarks:

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– *This preparatory action is to set up an inter-institutional system identifying long-term trends on major policy issues facing the European Union. The intention is to provide common analyses of probable outcomes on major issues to be available for policy makers. Furthermore, to achieve this goal, it would now be appropriate to explore in detail the design of specific mechanisms for promoting closer working cooperation between the research departments of the various EU institutions and bodies which are devoted to the analysis of medium- and long-term policy trends.*

The aim of such a preparatory action will be to:

- *Create a European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS) with all EU institutions included by 2014 on the basis of an eventual proposal from the European Commission (Article 49 of the financial regulation). The EUISS could continue to provide facilities and technical back-up until such a time that the system would become operational.*
- *Such a system will be inter-institutional in nature focusing on global long term trends, both external and internal, relating to the European Union.*
- *Such a system should be designed to provide regular input to the EU institutions to nourish long-term and medium-term strategic thinking, including reaching out to academics and other stakeholders to provide a broad perspective.*
- *Such input would include a detailed appraisal of long-term global trends and submission of the report to the incoming presidents of the EU institutions looking at challenges options for the period 2014-2019.*

- Further, reports could include documents for the EU institutions for debate on forward looking topics, helping foster and deepen cooperation between the EU institutions.
- Such a system should develop links with other countries undertaking global trends work in order to benefit from their expertise as well as providing its own expertise to other countries trying to get a grip on strategic trends and changes.
- Building and maintaining an open website as a global repository for all relevant information to facilitate access to citizens, linking the site to other working websites on long-term trends across the globe.

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~~This preparatory action is to set up an interinstitutional system identifying long term trends on major policy issues facing the Union. This system should provide common analyses of probable outcomes on major issues to be available for policymakers; this is to be coordinated between the European Parliament (involving policy departments), the Council and the Commission, using the already well established European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) as a core for the system. This system should be rapidly established to be in full operation by 2012.~~

Justification:

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