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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	11810/21
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 18/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021

1. On 14 September 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 18/2021.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 55.84 million in commitment appropriations (c/a) from Articles 11 10 01 (*European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)*), 11 10 02 (*European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA)*), 12 10 01 (*European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)*), 12 10 02 (*European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)*) and 30 04 01 (*Solidarity and emergency aid reserve (SEAR)*) to Articles 10 02 01 (*Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund*) and 11 02 01 (*Instrument for financial support for border management and visa*), as recorded in document 11810/21.

2. The Commission requests the mobilisation of the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve (SEAR) in connection with the unprecedented and exceptional influx of third-country nationals facilitated by the current regime in Belarus, which puts under pressure the reception and asylum system of Member States bordering Belarus, in particular Lithuania. The requested EUR 21.76 million in c/a will be used to reinforce the emergency assistance component of the Thematic Facility under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) in the budget 2021.

In addition, a reinforcement of the Border Management and Visa Instrument (BMVI) with EUR 34.07 million in c/a is requested to cover additional needs, identified by Lithuania, in order to secure and manage its borders with Belarus, in particular to upgrade its surveillance system and deploy it along the full length of the border.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 16 September 2021.
4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
 - the proposed transfer of appropriations, as set out in document 11810/21, and
 - the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

copy : President of the Commission

Sir,

In accordance with Article 31(6) of the Financial Regulation of 18 July 2018¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 18/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021.

(Complimentary close).

¹ 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 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).