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From:	Mr Johannes HAHN, Member of the European Commission
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To:	Ms Esperanza SAMBLAS, President of the Council of the European Union

Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 11/2023 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2023
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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 11/2023.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

BRUSSELS, 23/08/2023

GENERAL BUDGET - 2023
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 08, 30

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 11/2023**

FROM

CHAPTER - 3002 Reserves for operational expenditure

ARTICLE - 30 02 02 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments	-3 460 000,00
Payments	-3 460 000,00

TO

CHAPTER - 0805 Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs) and Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs)

ARTICLE - 08 05 01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third-country waters

Commitments	3 460 000,00
Payments	3 460 000,00

I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

30 02 02 - Differentiated appropriations

b) Figures at 14/07/2023

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	353 692 303,00	240 414 604,00
2 Transfers	-141 324 000,00	-133 574 000,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	212 368 303,00	106 840 604,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	212 368 303,00	106 840 604,00
6 Decrease proposed	3 460 000,00	3 460 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	208 908 303,00	103 380 604,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	0,98 %	1,44 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 14/07/2023	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

In line with point 20 of the Inter-Institutional Agreement on the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework, amounts provided for in the budget for new fisheries agreements or for the renewal of fisheries agreements, which enter into force after 1 January of the financial year concerned, shall be included in reserve.

It is proposed to transfer an amount of EUR 3,5 million in commitment and payment appropriations from this reserve to the operational budget line 08 05 01 to cover the financial obligations resulting from the Protocols implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs) to be concluded with the Republic of Madagascar and with the Republic of Kiribati, as well as, to cover additional catches as set out in the relevant SFPAs and Protocols for the Government of the Republic of Seychelles.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

08 05 01 - Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third-country waters

b) Figures at 14/07/2023

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	107 593 754,00	117 218 754,00
2 Transfers	0,00	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	107 593 754,00	117 218 754,00
4 Appropriations already used	106 749 921,00	38 977 921,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	843 833,00	78 240 833,00
6 Increase requested	3 460 000,00	3 460 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	4 303 833,00	81 700 833,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	3,22 %	2,95 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 14/07/2023	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The reinforcement of the operational line by EUR 3,5 million in commitment and in payment appropriations is necessary to honour the 2023 financial obligations resulting from the new Implementing Protocols to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Madagascar (2023-2027) and with the Republic of Kiribati (2023-2028), as well as, to cover additional catches related to financial year 2023 as set out in the relevant SFPA and Protocol for the Republic of Seychelles.

As regards the Republic of Kiribati, following the Commission proposal COM(2023)251 of 16 May 2023, the Council is expected to agree on the conclusion and provisional application of the Implementing Protocol by 31 July 2023. The first access payment is due within 90 days following the entering into force of the Implementing Protocol after signature of both parties, which is expected by end of September.

Further to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2023) 219 of 28 April 2023) on the conclusion of a new protocol with the Republic of Madagascar, the Council decision, which serves as a legal basis for the signature was adopted on 26 June and the new Protocol entered into provisional application on 1 July 2023. The first access payment is due within 90 days following the entering into force of the Implementing Protocol.

ANNEX

Transfers from the reserves for operational expenditure - Differentiated Appropriations on 14/07/2023

Transfer Ref	Submission date	Content	Commitment Appropriations (in EUR)	Payment Appropriations (in EUR)
		Voted budget + adopted AB	353.692.303	240.414.604
		of wich SFPAs	48.725.000	28.225.000
		Decrease proposed under DAB 3/2023	-46.265.000	-96.765.000
		of wich SFPAs	-45.265.000	-24.765.000
		Total already released	141.324.000	133.574.000
		of wich SFPAs	0	0
		Total available for release	166.103.303	10.075.604
		of wich SFPAs	3.460.000	3.460.000
DEC 11	23/08/23	Mobilisation SFPAs Madagascar, Kiribati & Seychelles	3.460.000	3.460.000
		Remainder	162.643.303	6.615.604
		of wich SFPAs	0	0