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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Subject: Draft amending budget No 5 to the general budget for 2021: Humanitarian

support to refugees in Turkey: Council position of 5 October 2021

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

On 9 July 2021, the <u>Commission</u> submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 5 to the general budget for 2021 concerning humanitarian support to refugees in Turkey.

The objective of the proposal is to partly finance the extension, from March 2022 until the beginning of 2023, of the Emergency Social Safety Net, a humanitarian programme providing multi-purpose cash assistance to refugees to cover their basic needs. The monthly cash transfers reach monthly over 1.8 million refugees, the most vulnerable of the around 3.7 million refugees in Turkey as a consequence of the Syria crisis.

Under the MFF heading 6 (Neighbourhood and the World), EUR 149.6 million in commitment appropriations are requested to ensure the continuation of this humanitarian support to refugees in Turkey. No additional payment appropriations are requested for this purpose in 2021.

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II. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

On 5 October 2021, the Council adopted its position on DAB No 5 to the general budget for 2021 as set out in the technical annex contained in Addendum 1 to this explanatory memorandum.

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