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| From:            | Mr Piotr SERAFIN, Member of the European Commission                                                                                                                        |
| date of receipt: | 23 October 2025                                                                                                                                                            |
| To:              | Mr Nicolai WAMMEN, President of the Council of the European Union                                                                                                          |
| No. Cion doc.:   | BUDGET DEC(2025) 19                                                                                                                                                        |
| Subject:         | Transfer of appropriations No DEC 19/2025 in Section III - Commission<br>- of the general budget for 2025 in accordance with Article 31(1) of the<br>Financial Regulation. |

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BRUSSELS, 23/10/2025

GENERAL BUDGET - 2025  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 08, 30

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 19/2025**

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**FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 3002 Reserves for operational expenditure

ARTICLE - 30 02 02 Differentiated appropriations

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| Commitments | -1 161 000,00 |
| Payments    | -866 000,00   |

**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 | 1 161 000,00 |
| Payments    | 866 000,00   |

## **I. DECREASE**

### **I.1**

#### **a) Heading**

#### **30 02 02 - Differentiated appropriations**

#### **b) Figures at 07/10/2025**

|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Commitments</b> | <b>Payments</b>   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)                                                                                                          | 163 415 723,00     | 3 144 741 723,00  |
| 2 Transfers                                                                                                                                               | -95 605 857,00     | -3 095 105 857,00 |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)                                                                                                                 | 67 809 866,00      | 49 635 866,00     |
| 4 Appropriations already used                                                                                                                             | 0,00               | 0,00              |
| 5 Appropriations available (3-4)                                                                                                                          | 67 809 866,00      | 49 635 866,00     |
| 6 Decrease proposed                                                                                                                                       | 1 161 000,00       | 866 000,00        |
| 7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)                                                                                                               | 66 648 866,00      | 48 769 866,00     |
| 8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)                                                                                                | 0,71 %             | 0,03 %            |
| 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)**

|                                                 | <b>Commitments</b> | <b>Payments</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Appropriations available at start of the year | 0,00               | 0,00            |
| 2 Appropriations available on 07/10/2025        | 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 1.2 million in commitment and EUR 0.9 million in payment appropriations from this reserve to the operational budget line 08 05 01 to cover the financial obligations resulting from the Protocol implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPA) to be concluded with the Government of the Cook Islands (2025-2032), as well as to cover additional catches made in 2024 as set out in the relevant SFPA and Implementing Protocols for the Republic of Seychelles and the Republic of Madagascar.

## **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 07/10/2025**

|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Commitments</b>  | <b>Payments</b>      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)                                                                                                          | 90 590 000,00       | 93 655 000,00        |
| 2 Transfers                                                                                                                                               | 18 861 857,00       | 18 361 857,00        |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)                                                                                                                 | 109 451 857,00      | 112 016 857,00       |
| 4 Appropriations already used                                                                                                                             | 109 451 857,00      | 35 426 857,00        |
| <b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>0,00</b>         | <b>76 590 000,00</b> |
| <b>6 Increase requested</b>                                                                                                                               | <b>1 161 000,00</b> | <b>866 000,00</b>    |
| <b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)</b>                                                                                                        | <b>1 161 000,00</b> | <b>77 456 000,00</b> |
| 8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)                                                                                                | 1,28 %              | 0,92 %               |
| 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)**

|                                                 | <b>Commitments</b> | <b>Payments</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Appropriations available at start of the year | 0,00               | 0,00            |
| 2 Appropriations available on 07/10/2025        | 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 1.2 million in commitment and EUR 0.9 million in payment appropriations is necessary to honour the 2025 financial obligations resulting from the new Implementing Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Government of Cook Islands (2025-2032), as well as, to cover additional catches related to financial year 2024 as set out in the relevant SFPA and Protocol for the Republic of Seychelles and the Republic of Madagascar.

The previous three-year protocol with the Government of the Cook Islands expired on 16 December 2024. Based on the Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations, the Commission conducted negotiations, and a new protocol was initialled on 20 June 2025. The new Protocol covers a period of seven years from the date of signature and its provisional application.

Following the Commission proposal COM(2025) 512 of 23 September 2025, the Council is expected to agree on the signing and provisional application of the Protocol in November 2025, with the signature planned by beginning of December. The annual financial contribution amounts to EUR 0.5 million. The first access payment of EUR 0.2 million is due within 90 days following the entering into provisional application of the Protocol, while the first sectoral payment (EUR 0.3 million) is planned for 2026.

Additionally, EUR 0.7 million is requested both in commitment and payment appropriations to finance additional catches made in 2024 in line with the relevant provisions of the Implementing Protocols concluded with the Republic of Seychelles and the Republic of Madagascar.

## ANNEX

### Transfers from the reserves for operational expenditure - Differentiated Appropriations on 07/10/2025

| Transfer Ref | Submission date | Content                                                                                                          | Commitment Appropriations (in EUR) | Payment Appropriations (in EUR) |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|              |                 | <b>Voted budget</b>                                                                                              | <b>163 415 723,00</b>              | <b>3 144 741 723,00</b>         |
|              |                 | <i>of which SFPAs</i>                                                                                            | <i>59 970 000,00</i>               | <i>41 620 000,00</i>            |
|              |                 | <b>Total already released</b>                                                                                    | <b>95 605 857,00</b>               | <b>3 095 105 857,00</b>         |
|              |                 | <i>of which SFPAs</i>                                                                                            | <i>18 861 857,00</i>               | <i>18 361 857,00</i>            |
|              |                 | <b>Total available for release</b>                                                                               | <b>67 809 866,00</b>               | <b>49 635 866,00</b>            |
|              |                 | <i>of which SFPAs</i>                                                                                            | <i>41 108 143,00</i>               | <i>23 258 143,00</i>            |
|              |                 |                                                                                                                  |                                    |                                 |
| DEC 19/2025  | [23-10-2025]    | Mobilisation SFPAs for the Government of Cook Islands, the Republic of Seychelles and the Republic of Madagascar | <b>1 161 000,00</b>                | <b>866 000,00</b>               |
|              |                 | <b>Remainder</b>                                                                                                 | <b>66 648 866,00</b>               | <b>48 769 866,00</b>            |
|              |                 | <i>of which SFPAs</i>                                                                                            | <i>39 947 143,00</i>               | <i>22 392 143,00</i>            |