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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	13788/23
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 17/2023 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2023

1. On 11 October 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 17/2023, in accordance with Article 31(1) of the Financial Regulation¹.

The purpose of this proposal is to reallocate a total amount of EUR 17.4 million in non-differentiated appropriations from Items 20 01 02 01 (*Remuneration and allowances - Headquarters and Representation offices*), 20 01 02 03 (*Remuneration and allowances - Union delegations*), 20 02 01 01 (*Contract staff*) and 20 02 06 02 (*Meetings, expert groups and conference's expenses*) to Items 20 03 02 02 (*Expenditure related to buildings*), 20 03 08 03 (*Purchase of information*), 20 03 13 01 (*Translation expenditure*), O6 01 03 01 (*Missions and representation expenses*) and O6 01 04 01 (*Rents and purchases*) as set out in document 13788/23.

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).

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to:
 - cover energy expenses (EUR 11.5 million), in addition to the amount covered by Commission autonomous transfers (EUR 2.2 million);
 - cover the increased need to purchase financial information for the purposes of advance forecasting and risk management following the tasks and responsibilities linked to the NextGenerationEU instrument (EUR 1.4 million);
 - cover the expenditure until the end of the year for outsourcing of translation (EUR 4 million);
 - reinforce the missions budget of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), in particular for investigations (EUR 0.25 million);
 - cover OLAF's renting costs which have experienced an exceptional increase due to indexation (+10 %) (EUR 0.3 million).
3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 24 October 2023.
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 13788/23; and
 - the draft letter in the ANNEX to this note.

DRAFT LETTER

from the: President of the Council
to the: President of the European Parliament
copy: President of the Commission

Madam,

In accordance with Article 31(4) of the Financial Regulation of 18 July 2018¹, I hereby inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 17/2023 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2023.

(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).