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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	7495/23
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 05/2023 within Section III – Commission – of the general budget for 2023 – <i>Approval</i> – <i>Approval of a letter</i>

1. On 16 March 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 05/2023, in accordance with Article 31(1) of the Financial Regulation¹.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 162.8 million in commitment appropriations and payment appropriations from Article 30 04 01 (*Solidarity and emergency aid reserve (SEAR)*) to Article 14 03 01 (*Humanitarian aid*), as set out in document 7495/23.

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 aim of the transfer is to reinforce the Humanitarian Aid to:
 - give emergency assistance to the earthquake victims in Türkiye (EUR 15 million) and in Syria (EUR 30 million) – part of the 20 March 2023 EU pledge;
 - alleviate the suffering and worsening humanitarian situation in Ukraine (EUR 55 million);
 - address the consequences of the deteriorating humanitarian and security situation in the eastern provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (EUR 32.8 million);
 - scale-up the ongoing emergency multi-sectoral humanitarian assistance to address the escalating needs of the affected population in Ethiopia and Kenya (EUR 25 million);
 - provide for multisectoral interventions in Cameroon and Niger to newly displaced population (EUR 5 million).
3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 22 March 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 7495/23; 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

Dear President,

In accordance with Article 31(6) of the Financial Regulation of 18 July 2018¹, I hereby inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 05/2023 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2023.

(Complimentary close)

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