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From: Mr Piotr SERAFIN, Member of the European Commission  
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To: Mr Paweł KARBOWNIK, President of the Council of the European Union

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Subject: Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 05/2025 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2025

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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 05/2025.

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BRUSSELS, 08/04/2025

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

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 05/2025**

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**FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 3002 Reserves for operational expenditure

ARTICLE - 30 02 02 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments	-18 036 857,00
Payments	-18 036 857,00

**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	18 036 857,00
Payments	18 036 857,00

## **I. DECREASE**

### **I.1**

#### **a) Heading**

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

#### **b) Figures at 19/03/2025**

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	163 415 723,00	144 741 723,00
2 Transfers	0,00	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	163 415 723,00	144 741 723,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>163 415 723,00</b>	<b>144 741 723,00</b>
<b>6 Decrease proposed</b>	<b>18 036 857,00</b>	<b>18 036 857,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)</b>	<b>145 378 866,00</b>	<b>126 704 866,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	11,04 %	12,46 %
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 19/03/2025	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 commitment and payment appropriations, totalling EUR 18 036 857, from the reserve line to the main operational line, specifically to support agreements with Greenland (EUR 17 296 857) and Ivory Coast (EUR 740 000).

## **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 19/03/2025**

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	90 590 000,00	93 655 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	90 590 000,00	93 655 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	5 300 000,00	4 050 000,00
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>85 290 000,00</b>	<b>89 605 000,00</b>
<b>6 Increase requested</b>	<b>18 036 857,00</b>	<b>18 036 857,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)</b>	<b>103 326 857,00</b>	<b>107 641 857,00</b>
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	19,91 %	19,26 %
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 19/03/2025	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

#### **d) Detailed grounds for the increase**

The transfer of EUR 18 036 857 (commitment and payment appropriations) is necessary to meet the 2025 financial obligations resulting from the new Implementing Protocols with Greenland (EUR 17 296 857) and Ivory Coast (EUR 740 000).

Following a mutual agreement with the Greenlandic government to terminate the previous protocol in 2024, the Commission successfully concluded negotiations on a new protocol in September. The Commission's proposal for a Council Decision on signing the new protocol was adopted on 17 October. DEC 15/2024 made available EUR 17 million in commitment appropriations on the operational line covering the period 12/12/2024-11/12/2025. Following the agreement of the Council reached on 5 December, the Protocol was signed by both parties on 12 December, entering into provisional application on the same day.

The current transfer in payment appropriations is necessary to meet contractual obligations and honour access and sectoral payments as per Article 3 (4) of the Protocol. Additionally, the transfer of the same amount in commitment appropriations is requested to allow the Commission to sign the budgetary commitment prior to the first anniversary of the signing of the protocol, covering the period of 12/12/2025-11/12/2026. The respective payment for this period will be carried out in 2026, by 1 March.

For Ivory Coast, the previous six-year protocol expired on 31 July 2024. On the basis of the Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations, the Commission conducted negotiations, and a new protocol was initialled on 21 November 2024. The new Protocol covers a period of four years from the date of provisional application.

Following the Commission proposal COM(2025) 73 of 5 March 2025, the Council is expected to agree on the signing and provisional application of the Protocol in April 2025, with the signature planned once the appropriations are made available. Payments will be made within 90 days of the provisional application.

## ANNEX

### Transfers from the reserves for operational expenditure - Differentiated Appropriations on 19/03/2025

Transfer Ref	Submission date	Content	Commitment Appropriations (in EUR)	Payment Appropriations (in EUR)
		<b>Voted budget</b>	<b>163 415 723,00</b>	<b>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>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>
		<i>of which SFPAs</i>	<i>0,00</i>	<i>0,00</i>
		<b>Total available for release</b>	<b>163 415 723,00</b>	<b>144 741 723,00</b>
		<i>of which SFPAs</i>	<i>59 970 000,00</i>	<i>41 620 000,00</i>
DEC 05/2025	<i>[08-04-2025]</i>	Mobilisation SFPA for Greenland and Ivory Coast	<b>18 036 857,00</b>	<b>18 036 857,00</b>
		<b>Remainder</b>	<b>145 378 866,00</b>	<b>126 704 866,00</b>
		<i>of which SFPAs</i>	<i>41 933 143,00</i>	<i>23 583 143,00</i>