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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	8900/21
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 12/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021

1. On 18 May 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 12/2021, in accordance with Article 32(2) of the Financial Regulation¹.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 204 million in both commitment and payment appropriations from Article 30 04 01 (*Solidarity and emergency aid reserve (SEAR)*) to Article 14 03 01 (*Humanitarian aid*), as recorded in document 8900/21.

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), 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 support the famine and food insecurity crisis in Africa (EUR 95 million), Afghanistan (EUR 25 million), Yemen (EUR 44 million) and in the Venezuela region (EUR 40 million). Given the urgent circumstances, the three weeks period for approval shall apply, in accordance with Article 31(4) of the Financial Regulation.
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 26 May 2021.
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 8900/21, and
 - the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect.
5. At the same time, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430¹, as further extended by Council Decision 2021/825², that the Council uses the written procedure for its approval, due to the circumstances related to COVID-19, if no Council meeting with quorum takes place before 8 June 2021.

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2020/430 of 23 March 2020 on a temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 88 I, 24.3.2020, p. 1).

² Council Decision (EU) 2021/825 of 20 May 2021 further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, and extended by Decisions (EU) 2020/556, (EU) 2020/702, (EU) 2020/970, (EU) 2020/1253, (EU) 2020/1659, (EU) 2021/26 and EU 2021/454, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 183, 25.5.2021, p. 40).

DRAFT LETTER

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

Sir,

In accordance with Articles 32(2) and 31(6) of the Financial Regulation of 18 July 2018¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 12/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021.

(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).