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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 22/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

1. On 21 October 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 22/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 60 million in commitment appropriations (c/a) and EUR 58 million in payment appropriations (p/a) from Article 40 02 41 (*Differentiated appropriations*) to Article 11 03 01 (*Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters*), as recorded in document 12204/20.

2. The aim of this transfer is to cover the obligations resulting from the extension of the current protocols implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnerships Agreements between the EU and the Government of the Cook Islands (EUR 0.7 million in c/a and EUR 0.4 million in p/a), the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (EUR 61.6 million in c/a and EUR 57.5 million in p/a), as well as for additional catches covering the implementation of the Protocols for the SFPAs with Cabo Verde, Mauritius and Seychelles (EUR 0.1 million in c/a and p/a). The additional c/a needs (EUR 2.4 million) will be covered by availabilities under the operational line.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 26 October 2020 and was able to approve it.
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm its agreement on the proposed transfer of appropriations as set out in document 12204/20; and
 - 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, that the Council uses the written procedure for its approval.

The General Secretariat of the Council will inform the Commission, as well as the European Parliament of the Council's decision.

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).