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То:	Mr Jeroen DIJSSELBLOEM, President of the Council of the European Union
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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 12/2016.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2016 SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 11, 40

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 12/2016

FROM

CHAPTER - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments -735 000,00

Payments -735 000,00

TO

CHAPTER - 1103 Compulsory contributions to Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and other International Organisations and Sustainable Fisheries Agreements

ARTICLE - 11 03 01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities

Commitments

735 000,00

carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters

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Payments

735 000,00

I. DECREASE

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a) Heading

40 02 41 - Differentiated appropriations

b) Figure at 14/06/2016

	Commitments	Payments
1A Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	83 345 750,00	83 345 750,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00	0,00
2 Transfers	-77 574 978,00	-75 874 978,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	5 770 772,00	7 470 772,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	0,00	0,00
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	5 770 772,00	7 470 772,00
6 Requirements up to year-end	5 035 772,00	6 735 772,00
7 Proposed decrease	735 000,00	735 000,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	0,88 %	0,88 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 14/06/2016	0,00	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

The available commitment and payment appropriations under the reserve line are sufficient to cover the reinforcement of the operational line, in view of the fisheries agreement with the Cook Islands.

II. INCREASE

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a) Heading

11 03 01 - Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters

b) Figure at 14/06/2016

	Commitments	Payments
1A Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	50 654 250,00	50 654 250,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00	0,00
2 Transfers	77 574 978,00	75 874 978,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	128 229 228,00	126 529 228,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	67 629 803,00	6 521 825,00
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	60 599 425,00	120 007 403,00
6 Requirements up to year-end	61 334 425,00	120 742 403,00
7 Proposed increase	735 000,00	735 000,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	1,45 %	1,45 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	824 425,00	824 425,00
2 Appropriations available on 14/06/2016	0,00	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

Following the Council agreement of 29/04/2016 on signature and provisional application of the Sustainable Fisheries Agreement with the Cook Islands and its related Protocol (Council Decision (EU) 2016/776), the Commission proposes the transfer of EUR 735 000 in commitment and payment appropriations from the reserve (article 40 02 41) to the operational budget line (article 11 03 01). The appropriations will be used in 2016 to pay the financial contribution to the Cook Islands, as stipulated in the Article 2 of the Protocol. This total financial contribution shall comprise two separate elements: an annual amount for access to the Cook Islands' fishery areas of EUR 385 000 for the first year and a specific annual amount of EUR 350 000 for the support and implementation of the Cook Islands' sectoral fisheries policy.