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GENERAL BUDGET - 2016
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLE: 19

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 20/2016

FROM

CHAPTER - 1904 Election observation missions (EU EOMs)

ARTICLE - 19 04 01 Improving the reliability of electoral processes, in particular by means of election observation missions	Commitments	-10 000 000,00
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TO

CHAPTER - 1902 Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace -- Crisis response, conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness

ARTICLE - 19 02 01 Response to crisis and emerging crisis	Commitments	8 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 1905 Cooperation with third countries under the Partnership Instrument (PI)

ARTICLE - 19 05 01 Cooperation with third countries to advance and promote Union and mutual interests	Commitments	2 000 000,00
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I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

19 04 01 - Improving the reliability of electoral processes, in particular by means of election observation missions

b) Figure at 20/06/2016

	Commitments
1A Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	44 626 565,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	44 626 565,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	34 322 634,98
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	10 303 930,02
6 Requirements up to year-end	303 930,02
7 Proposed decrease	10 000 000,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	22,41 %
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

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

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 20/06/2016	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

Due to the changing political priorities and the inherently unstable political environment leading to highly volatile electoral calendars in the partner countries, the number of Election Observation Missions (EOMs) to be financed in 2016 decreased compared with the planning at the end of 2015. The list of EOMs that were originally foreseen but did not (or will not) take place includes the following countries: Tunisia, Philippines (Mindanao), Palestine, Lybia, Nicaragua, Colombia and Afghanistan.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

19 02 01 - Response to crisis and emerging crisis

b) Figure at 20/06/2016

	Commitments
1A Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	226 506 177,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	226 506 177,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	81 444 000,00
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	145 062 177,00
6 Requirements up to year-end	153 062 177,00
7 Proposed increase	8 000 000,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	3,53 %
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

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

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	523 366,82
2 Appropriations available on 20/06/2016	523 366,82
3 Rate of utilisation $[(1-2)/1]$	0,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

The current enormous challenges related to security, with a large number and intensity of crisis situations, as well as migration require increasing response through the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP). The IcSP is contributing to the EU commitments undertaken during the London conference on the Syria crisis and to the Facility for the Refugees in Turkey. The situation in Ukraine, Libya, Iraq and South Sudan also continue to generate needs for assistance. In Colombia and Myanmar, on-going peace processes and reform efforts are being consolidated whereas in Burundi and Afghanistan funding aims to avoid the escalation of conflicts.

As of 21 June 2016, IcSP measures for a total amount of EUR 177 million have been submitted to the Political and Security Committee (PSC). Out of these, actions for EUR 87.5 million have already been adopted and committed.

Additional measures for EUR 30 million are expected to be announced to PSC in July 2016, leaving a balance of less than EUR 20 million till the end of 2016.

In addition, new proposals for EUR 38 million are currently under preparation including help to undertake stabilisation activities in Northern Lebanon, assisting Tunisia to respond to the threat from terrorism and violent extremism, support to the Central African Republic for disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration efforts.

The IcSP also needs to keep a certain margin of funds for the rest of the year to be able to fulfil its core mandate, i.e. to respond to unexpected new crisis situations or windows of opportunity to help resolve conflicts (such as, for example, in Yemen, where the Kuwait talks may well require further support, or in Colombia, where a peace agreement would require considerable external support for swift implementation).

Therefore, additional commitment appropriations for a total amount of EUR 8 million are requested to partially cover measures currently being prepared and to respond to new or unforeseen events which might occur till the end of the year.

II.2

a) Heading

19 05 01 - Cooperation with third countries to advance and promote Union and mutual interests

b) Figure at 20/06/2016

	Commitments
1A Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	105 652 000,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	105 652 000,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	400 000,00
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	105 252 000,00
6 Requirements up to year-end	107 252 000,00
7 Proposed increase	2 000 000,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	1,89 %
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

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

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	137 473,85
2 Appropriations available on 20/06/2016	1 009 289,52
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	-634,17 %

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

The scale of the current Syrian refugee crisis makes it a global challenge, which requires a global response involving the United Nations (UN), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and all key international players. In this context, the EU through the Partnership Instrument is actively advocating a spirit of shared responsibility, whereby the global community is encouraged to show solidarity and recognise the global nature of the crisis. The EU is seeking the support of partner countries in three areas:

- Increasing the international community's global response and assistance so that immediate and long term needs of refugees and host communities are met;
- encouraging international financial institutions and donors to raise their assistance;
- promoting the establishment of a global resettlement scheme around the world.

Argentina's interest in playing an active part in the global response to the refugee and migration crisis forms part of a broader regional commitment. The overall objective of the action is to contribute to establishing cooperation with Argentina with the aim of strengthening its capacity to implement a high level of international protection for refugees. The action will support Argentina in its resettlement and humanitarian admission schemes through the promotion of sustainable solutions.

The appropriations from assigned revenues are already earmarked for use under the lifelong Jean Monnet programme.