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From:	Mr Janusz LEWANDOWSKI, Member of the European Commission
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To:	Mr Christos STAIKOURAS, President of the Council of the European Union

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Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 2/2014 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2014
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Delegations will find attached Commission's document DEC 2/2014.

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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2014  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES 11, 40

### TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS No DEC 02/2014

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#### **FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments	- 660 000
Payments	- 660 000

#### **TO**

**CHAPTER** - 1103 Compulsory contributions to Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) and other International Organisations and Sustainable Fisheries Agreements (SFAs)

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

Commitments	660 000
Payments	660 000

## I. INCREASE

### a) Heading

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

### b) Figures at 30/1/2014

	COMMITMENTS	PAYMENTS
1A. Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	29 658 000	32 658 000
1B. Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0	0
2. Transfers	0	0
3. Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	29 658 000	32 658 000
4. Utilisation of final appropriation	26 302 244	0
<b>5. Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>3 355 756</b>	<b>32 658 000</b>
<b>6. Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>4 015 756</b>	<b>33 318 000</b>
<b>7. Increase proposed</b>	<b>660 000</b>	<b>660 000</b>
8. Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	2.23 %	2.02 %
9. Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) and (c) 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) (C5)

	COMMITMENTS	PAYMENTS
1. Appropriation available at start of year	546 340	546 340
2. Appropriation available on 30/1/2014	546 340	546 340
3. Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	0.00 %	0.00 %

### d) Detailed grounds for the increase

On 28 January 2014, the Council adopted the Decision on the conclusion of a Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius and on the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement, which had already been signed by the two parties in Brussels on 21 December 2012.

On 16 April 2013, Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement and Protocol with the Republic of Mauritius.

The Decision will enable vessels of the European fleet to resume fishing activities in Mauritian waters within the new legal framework constituted by the Agreement; the Union is therefore committed to paying the financial contribution.

In accordance with point 19 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013, the known or estimated amounts of the financial contributions for protocols concluded after 1 January of the related financial year were assigned to budget line 40 02 41 (reserve).

The budget allocation is therefore now needed on operational line 11 03 01 in order to make the commitments and payments totalling EUR 660 000 which arise from the above-mentioned legal basis.

## II. DECREASE

### a) Heading

#### **40 02 41 - Differentiated appropriations**

### b) Figures at 30/1/2014

	COMMITMENTS	PAYMENTS
1A. Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	117 342 000	114 342 000
1B. Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0	0
2 Transfers	0	0
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	117 342 000	114 342 000
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	0	0
<b>5 Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>117 342 000</b>	<b>114 342 000</b>
<b>6. Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>7. Decrease proposed</b>	<b>660 000</b>	<b>660 000</b>
8. Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	0.56 %	0,58 %
9. Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) and (c) 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) (C5)

	COMMITMENTS	PAYMENTS
1. Appropriation available at start of year	0	0
2. Appropriation available on 30/1/2014	0	0
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

### d) Detail grounds for the transfer

The balance of commitment and payment appropriations currently available on the reserve line is sufficient to cover the increase on the operational line.