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From:	Mr Günther OETTINGER, Member of the European Commission
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To:	Mr Märt KIVINE, President of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 23/2017 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2017

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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 23/2017.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2017  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 11, 40

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 23/2017

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**FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments	-2 437 600,00
Payments	-3 242 855,00

**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 carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters

Commitments	2 437 600,00
Payments	3 242 855,00

## I. DECREASE

### I.1

#### a) Heading

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

#### b) Figure at 29/09/2017

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	82 165 522,00	57 326 522,00
2 Transfers	-27 356 000,00	-14 517 000,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1+2)	54 809 522,00	42 809 522,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	0,00	0,00
<b>5 Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>54 809 522,00</b>	<b>42 809 522,00</b>
<b>6 Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>52 371 922,00</b>	<b>39 566 667,00</b>
<b>7 Proposed decrease</b>	<b>2 437 600,00</b>	<b>3 242 855,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1)	2,97 %	5,66 %
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)

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 29/09/2017	0,00	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

#### d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

The available commitment appropriations (EUR 2 437 600) and payment appropriations (EUR 3 242 855) can be transferred from the reserve line 40 02 41 to the operational budget line 11 03 01 to cover the needs resulting from legal obligations.

## **II. INCREASE**

### **II.1**

#### **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 29/09/2017**

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	118 390 478,00	113 390 478,00
2 Transfers	0,00	7 580 000,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1+2)	118 390 478,00	120 970 478,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	116 730 222,40	46 485 656,40
<b>5 Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>1 660 255,60</b>	<b>74 484 821,60</b>
<b>6 Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>4 097 855,60</b>	<b>77 727 676,60</b>
<b>7 Proposed increase</b>	<b>2 437 600,00</b>	<b>3 242 855,00</b>
8 Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1)	2,06 %	2,86 %
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)**

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	2 255 180,60	2 255 180,60
2 Appropriations available on 29/09/2017	0,00	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %	100,00 %

#### **d) Detailed grounds for the transfer**

Following the Commission proposal (COM(2017)484 final) and the expected Council agreement by 15 October 2017 on the signature and provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius, there is the need for EUR 575 000 in commitment appropriations and EUR 220 000 in payment appropriations in 2017.

In addition, EUR 2 500 000 in commitment appropriations and in payment appropriations are needed (the 2nd tranche for 2017/2018) for the amended Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement concluded between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for additional fishing opportunities (Council Regulation (EU) 2017/719 of 7 April 2017) following the adoption of the related Financing Decision by the Commission's decision (C(2017) 3203 final).

Moreover, concerning additional catches, EUR 129 805 in commitment appropriations and in payment appropriations are needed in 2017 following the implementation of the Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Kiribati (Council Decision 2014/60/EU), as well as EUR 393 050 in commitment appropriations and in payment appropriations are required for 2017 following the implementation of the Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Seychelles (Council Decision No 2014/306/EU).

Taking into account the needs for Protocols in force (EUR 500 000 in commitment appropriations for the Republic of Cape Verde) until the end of the year, as well as the appropriations still available on the operational line 11 03 01 (EUR 1 660 255 in commitment appropriations), a transfer from the reserve line 40 02 41 of EUR 2 437 600 in commitment appropriations and EUR 3 242 855 in payment appropriations is proposed.