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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	13250/17 FIN 617
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 23/2017 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2017

1. On 19 October 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 23/2017.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 2 437 600 in commitment appropriations and of EUR 3 242 855 in payment appropriations from Article 40 02 41 (*Reserves for financial interventions - 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 13250/17 FIN 617.

2. This transfer is being proposed following the agreement on 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 EU and the Republic of Mauritius, the need for additional appropriations for the amended Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement concluded between the EU and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for additional fishing opportunities, and the implementation of the Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Kiribati and with the Republic of Seychelles.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 27 October 2017.
4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
 - the proposed transfer of appropriations;
 - the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council
to : President of the Commission
copy : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 27(4) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 23/2017 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2017.

(Complimentary close).

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).