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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 9/2014 within Section III -  
Commission - of the general budget for 2014

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Delegations will find attached Commission document No DEC 9/2014.

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

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS No **DEC 09/2014**

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**FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments	- 30 000 000
Payments	- 30 000 000

**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	30 000 000
Payments	30 000 000

## 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 17/03/2014

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1A. Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	29 658 000	32 658 000
1B. Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0	0
2. Transfers	0	0
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3. Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	29 658 000	32 658 000
4. Utilisation of final appropriation	26 302 244	13 604 203
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<b>5. Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>3 355 756</b>	<b>19 053 797</b>
<b>6. Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>33 355 756</b>	<b>49 053 797</b>
<b>7. Increase requested</b>	<b>30 000 000</b>	<b>30 000 000</b>
8. Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	101.15 %	91.86 %
9. Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) 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)

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1. Appropriation available at start of year	546 340	546 340
2. Appropriation available on 17/03/2014	546 340	546 340
3. Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	0.00 %	0.00 %

### d) Detailed grounds for the increase

On 16 December 2013, the Council decided to conclude on behalf of the European Union the Protocol between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco (Decision 2013/785/EU).

Pursuant to this Decision, as soon as Morocco has notified the EU of the completion of the internal procedures necessary for the Protocol to enter into force, EU vessels may resume fishing activities in the Moroccan fishing zone under the new Protocol. The EU is committed to pay the financial contribution as soon as the new Protocol enters into force.

Morocco is expected to ratify the new Protocol before the end of March 2014. The budget allocation will be needed on operational line 11 03 01 in good time in order to make the commitments and payments arising from the above-mentioned legal basis, taking into account the 90-day deadline for payment.

## II. DECREASE

### a) Heading

#### 40 02 41 - Differentiated appropriations

### b) Figures at 17/03/2014

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1A. Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	117 342 000	114 342 000
1B. Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0	0
2. Transfers	0	0
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3. Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	117 342 000	114 342 000
4. Utilisation of final appropriation	0	0
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<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>30 000 000</b>	<b>30 000 000</b>
8. Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	25.57 %	26.24 %
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)

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1. Appropriation available at start of year	0	0
2. Appropriation available on 17/03/2014	0	0
3. Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

### d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

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