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From:	Mr Jacek DOMINIK, Member of the European Commission
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To:	Mr Enrico ZANETTI, President of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 43/2014 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2014

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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 43/2014.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2014

SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 11, 40

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 43/2014

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**FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments	-9 200 000,00
Payments	-9 200 000,00

**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	9 200 000,00
Payments	9 200 000,00

## **INTRODUCTION**

On 16 October 2014, the Council adopted the Decision on the signature and the provisional application of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, while the signature of the implementing Protocol is expected to be finalised in the following weeks. This Decision will allow the restart of the activity of the fishing vessels from the EU fleet in the Bissau-Guinean fishing zone and therefore requires the Union to pay the financial compensation once the Protocol enters into force.

## **I. DECREASE**

### **I.1**

#### **a) Heading**

#### **40 02 41 - Reserve for financial interventions - Differentiated appropriations**

#### **b) Figure at 23/10/2014**

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1A Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	115 342 000,00	112 342 000,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00	0,00
2 Transfers	-31 370 000,00	-31 370 000,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	83 972 000,00	80 972 000,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	0,00	0,00
<b>5 Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>83 972 000,00</b>	<b>80 972 000,00</b>
<b>6 Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>7 Proposed decrease</b>	<b>9 200 000,00</b>	<b>9 200 000,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	7,98 %	8,19 %
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 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 23/10/2014	0,00	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

#### **d) Detailed 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.

The amounts not used up to year-end mentioned above also include EUR 71 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 69.6 million in payment appropriations that the Commission has proposed to reduce in draft amending budgets 3 and 4/2014.

## 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 (SFAs)**

#### b) Figure at 23/10/2014

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1A Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	29 658 000,00	32 658 000,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00	0,00
2 Transfers	31 370 000,00	31 370 000,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	61 028 000,00	64 028 000,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	61 027 244,00	60 423 404,22
<b>5 Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>756,00</b>	<b>3 604 595,78</b>
<b>6 Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>9 200 756,00</b>	<b>12 804 595,78</b>
<b>7 Proposed increase</b>	<b>9 200 000,00</b>	<b>9 200 000,00</b>
8 Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	31,02 %	28,17 %
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 Appropriations available at start of the year	546 339,78	546 339,78
2 Appropriations available on 23/10/2014	546 339,78	546 339,78
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	0,00 %	0,00 %

#### d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

On 16 October 2014, the Council adopted the Decision on the signature and the provisional application of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, while the signature of the implementing Protocol is expected to be finalised in the following weeks. This Decision will allow the restart of the activity of the fishing vessels from the EU fleet in the Bissau-Guinean fishing zone and therefore require the Union to pay the financial compensation once the Protocol enters into force. Therefore, the above-mentioned amounts are now needed in order to respect the legal obligations.