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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	14180/15 FIN 772
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 40/2015 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2015

1. On 18 November 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 40/2015.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer non-differentiated appropriations for a total amount of EUR 22 826 000 of which EUR 16 626 003 from budget lines related to administrative expenditure in several policy areas and EUR 6 199 997 from a number of salary and pension related budget lines.

From this total amount, EUR 13 548 000 is transferred to item 26 01 22 02 (*Acquisition and renting of buildings in Brussels*), EUR 9 million to budget lines related to salaries of officials of the EU at headquarters, EUR 188 000 to item 18 01 02 11 (*Other management expenditure in the 'Home affairs' policy area*) and EUR 90 000 to item 18 01 02 01 (*External personnel in the 'Home affairs' policy area*), as recorded in document 14180/15 FIN 772.

2. The transfer is being proposed, on the one hand, to cover the additional needs in 2015 and 2016 resulting from the gap between the estimated and the final rate of the annual adjustment of salaries and pensions and, on the other hand, to reinforce specific lines related to interim staff and missions in the context of the current refugees' crisis. EUR 13.548 million of the amounts transferred are reallocated to lines covering expenditure on buildings in Brussels. This would allow to anticipate some payments and create room for manoeuvre in the 2016 budget to cover part of the additional expenditure resulting from the higher than expected annual salary adjustment rate.
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meetings on 26 November 2015 and 3 December 2015.
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 of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 40/2015 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2015.

(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).