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From:	Ms Kristalina GEORGIEVA, Vice-president of the European Commission
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To:	Mr Jeroen DIJSSELBLOEM, President of the Council of the European Union

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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 04/2016 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2016
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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 04/2016.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

BRUSSELS, 29/02/2016

GENERAL BUDGET - 2016  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 11, 40

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 04/2016

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**FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments	-77 574 978,00
Payments	-75 874 978,00

**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	77 574 978,00
Payments	75 874 978,00

## I. DECREASE

### I.1

#### a) Heading

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

#### b) Figure at 11/02/2016

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1A Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	83 345 750,00	83 345 750,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00	0,00
2 Transfers	0,00	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	83 345 750,00	83 345 750,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	0,00	0,00
<b>5 Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>83 345 750,00</b>	<b>83 345 750,00</b>
<b>6 Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>5 770 772,00</b>	<b>7 470 772,00</b>
<b>7 Proposed decrease</b>	<b>77 574 978,00</b>	<b>75 874 978,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	93,08 %	91,04 %
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 11/02/2016	0,00	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

#### d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

The available commitment and payment appropriations under the reserve line are sufficient to cover the reinforcement of the operational line, in view of the fisheries agreements with Mauritania, Liberia, and Greenland.

## **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 11/02/2016**

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1A Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	50 654 250,00	50 654 250,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00	0,00
2 Transfers	0,00	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	50 654 250,00	50 654 250,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	1 566 250,00	0,00
<b>5 Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>49 088 000,00</b>	<b>50 654 250,00</b>
<b>6 Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>126 662 978,00</b>	<b>126 529 228,00</b>
<b>7 Proposed increase</b>	<b>77 574 978,00</b>	<b>75 874 978,00</b>
8 Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	153,15 %	149,79 %
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	824 425,00	824 425,00
2 Appropriations available on 11/02/2016	224 425,00	524 425,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	72,78 %	36,39 %

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

Following the signature on 16/11/2015, the agreement with Mauritania has entered under provisional application as from 16/11/2015.

Following the signature on 09/12/2015, the agreement with Liberia has entered under provisional application as from 09/12/2015.

Following the signature on 27/11/2015, the agreement with Greenland has entered under provisional application as from 01/01/2016.

In light of the above, the financial counterparts of the agreements (Mauritania: EUR 59 125 000 in commitment and payment appropriations; Liberia: EUR 650 000 in commitment and payment appropriations; and Greenland: EUR 17 799 978 in commitment appropriations and EUR 16 099 978 in payment appropriations) have to be paid. Therefore, the corresponding commitment and payment appropriations are needed on the operational budget line.