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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 09/2018.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2018
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 23, 40

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 09/2018

FROM

CHAPTER - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 42 Emergency aid reserve

Commitments	-40 000 000,00
Payments	-40 000 000,00

TO

CHAPTER - 2302 Humanitarian aid, food assistance and disaster preparedness

ARTICLE - 23 02 01 Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food assistance

Commitments	40 000 000,00
Payments	40 000 000,00

I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

40 02 42 - Emergency aid reserve

b) Figure at 27/03/2018

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	344 600 000,00	344 600 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1+2)	344 600 000,00	344 600 000,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	0,00	0,00
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	344 600 000,00	344 600 000,00
6 Requirements up to year-end	304 600 000,00	304 600 000,00
7 Proposed decrease	40 000 000,00	40 000 000,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1)	11,61 %	11,61 %
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)

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 27/03/2018	0,00	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

According to article 9 of the Multiannual Financial Framework, the Emergency Aid Reserve (EAR) is intended to allow for a rapid response to specific aid requirements of third countries following events which could not be foreseen when the budget was established; first and foremost for humanitarian operations, but also for civil crisis management and protection, and situations of particular pressure resulting from migratory flows at the Union's external borders, where circumstances so require.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

23 02 01 - Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food assistance

b) Figure at 27/03/2018

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	1 026 028 642,00	1 040 825 501,00
2 Transfers	0,00	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1+2)	1 026 028 642,00	1 040 825 501,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	849 400 000,00	153 262 950,58
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	176 628 642,00	887 562 550,42
6 Requirements up to year-end	216 628 642,00	927 562 550,42
7 Proposed increase	40 000 000,00	40 000 000,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1)	3,90 %	3,84 %
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)

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	314,12	91 116,59
2 Appropriations available on 27/03/2018	314,12	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	0,00 %	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

After nearly three years of armed conflict, Yemen is now the worst humanitarian crisis in the world, combining the triple tragedy of a man-made famine and nutritional crisis, a brutal conflict and the world's largest-ever single-year cholera outbreak. The situation has significantly deteriorated in the past four months because of extreme restrictions of access and the intensification of fighting and air strikes. The scale of the needs, their wide geographical spread and the progressive collapse of institutions and basic services all call for a mass-scale humanitarian response, significantly beyond the EUR 37 million which had originally been planned. An additional EUR 40 million in commitment and payment appropriations is requested.

The additional EUR 40 million would focus on famine/nutritional assistance, conflict and associated displacement, health/epidemics, RRM (rapid response mechanism) as well as on logistical support to assist movement of international technical capacity, required to ensure quality and monitoring of lifesaving interventions. Part of the funds requested will be used to support both voucher and in-kind food programmes implemented by the World Food Programme.

As of 21 March, the overall implementation rate of commitment appropriations of the humanitarian aid chapter 23 02 was at 83.5%, while for payment appropriations it was at 13.8%. The remaining balance of EUR 77 million in the Operational Reserve, after taking into account commitments currently being processed, needs to be preserved to cover urgent crises until the end of the year. An equal reinforcement in commitment and payment appropriations is needed since it is expected that the payment appropriations currently available in the budget will be fully used for the currently planned actions.

The Commission has also considered, but could not identify, further availabilities from other policy areas in Heading 4. It therefore requests the mobilisation of the Emergency Aid Reserve in the amount of EUR 40 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

ANNEX

COMMISSION TRANSFER PROPOSALS RELATED TO THE EMERGENCY AID RESERVE IN 2018

The table below shows the transfer proposals transmitted to the Budgetary Authority to date during 2018 which relate to the Emergency Aid Reserve (EAR), and the remaining amount of the EAR reserve following the approval of these proposals.

Transfer Ref	Content	Commitment Appropriations from 2018 Reserve (EUR)	Commitment Appropriations from Reserve carried-over (EUR)	Payment Appropriations from 2018 Reserve (EUR)
DEC 07	Mobilisation of the EAR for additional humanitarian aid for the Rohingya crisis		23 403 250	15 021 500
DEC 08	Mobilisation of the EAR for additional humanitarian aid for Somalia	11 697 884	38 302 116	50 000 000
DEC 09	Mobilisation of the EAR for additional humanitarian aid for Yemen	40 000 000		40 000 000
	Total of Proposals	51 697 884	61 705 366	105 021 500
	Remainder	292 902 116	0	239 578 500
	Total remainder of commitment appropriations	292 902 116		