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| From: | Mr Günther OETTINGER, Member of the European Commission |
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| To: | Ms Marinela PETROVA, President of the Council of the European Union |
| Subject: | Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 15/2018 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2018 |

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

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 15/2018

FROM

CHAPTER - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 42 Emergency aid reserve

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|-------------|----------------|
| Commitments | -30 000 000,00 |
| Payments | -30 000 000,00 |

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

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|-------------|---------------|
| Commitments | 30 000 000,00 |
| Payments | 30 000 000,00 |

I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

40 02 42 - Emergency aid reserve

b) Figure at 04/06/2018

| | Commitments | Payments |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 344 600 000,00 | 344 600 000,00 |
| 2 Transfers | -51 697 884,00 | -105 021 500,00 |
| 3 Final appropriation for the year (1+2) | 292 902 116,00 | 239 578 500,00 |
| 4 Utilisation of final appropriation | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 5 Amount not used/available (3-4) | 292 902 116,00 | 239 578 500,00 |
| 6 Requirements up to year-end | 262 902 116,00 | 209 578 500,00 |
| 7 Proposed decrease | 30 000 000,00 | 30 000 000,00 |
| 8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1) | 8,71 % | 8,71 % |
| 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 04/06/2018 | 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 04/06/2018

| | Commitments | Payments |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 1 026 028 642,00 | 1 040 825 501,00 |
| 2 Transfers | 54 294 634,00 | 116 000 000,00 |
| 3 Final appropriation for the year (1+2) | 1 080 323 276,00 | 1 156 825 501,00 |
| 4 Utilisation of final appropriation | 911 694 634,00 | 517 100 899,73 |
| 5 Amount not used/available (3-4) | 168 628 642,00 | 639 724 601,27 |
| 6 Requirements up to year-end | 198 628 642,00 | 669 724 601,27 |
| 7 Proposed increase | 30 000 000,00 | 30 000 000,00 |
| 8 Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1) | 2,92 % | 2,88 % |
| 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 04/06/2018 | 314,12 | 0,00 |
| 3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1] | 0,00 % | 100,00 % |

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

Three countries in the Lake Chad basin - Chad, Cameroon and Nigeria - have, in recent months, experienced additional displacements of people due to on-going conflicts. Coupled with the effects of the drought and the up-coming hungry season, these countries require urgent additional humanitarian assistance.

In Chad, around 30 000 refugees fleeing violence in Central African Republic (CAR) have arrived in Southern Chad since December 2017. Furthermore, due to Boko Haram violence and military operations, there are around 100 000 internally displaced people around the Lake Chad. The lean season is expected to begin three months earlier this year and almost 1 million people will be in need of urgent food assistance.

In Cameroon, the Far North Region is facing a humanitarian crisis due to the spill-over effect of the conflict in Northeast Nigeria. The attacks along the border over the past few months have led to a significant increase in population movement. Furthermore, internal displacement continues in the Far North of Cameroon. With the on-going dry season, water and sanitation notably remain a serious concern.

In Nigeria, additional 100 000 people have been displaced since the beginning of 2018 due to the ongoing conflict. Food insecurity continues to be at dramatic levels. Over 3,7 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance and this figure will increase to 5,3 million people during the lean season.

In total, EUR 30 million in commitment and payment appropriations in addition to the EUR 77,8 million already allocated for the three countries in 2018 are needed mainly to:

- provide aid to newly displaced and refugees and to their host communities;
- provide aid such as food assistance and life-saving nutrition during the period of hunger.

As of 23 May, the overall implementation rate of commitment appropriations of the humanitarian aid chapter 23 02 was at 89,2%, while for payment appropriations it was at 40,4%. The remaining balance of EUR 57 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 availabilities from other policy areas in Heading 4. It therefore requests the mobilisation of the Emergency Aid Reserve in the amount of EUR 30 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 |
| DEC 12 | Mobilisation of the EAR for additional humanitarian aid for Ethiopia | 35.000.000 | | 35.000.000 |
| DEC 13 | Mobilisation of the EAR for additional humanitarian aid for Democratic Republic of Congo | 25.000.000 | | 25.000.000 |
| DEC 14 | Mobilisation of the EAR for additional humanitarian aid for Sudan | 10.000.000 | | 10.000.000 |
| DEC 15 | Mobilisation of the EAR for additional humanitarian aid for Lake Chad Basin Countries: Chad, Cameroon and Nigeria | 30.000.000 | | 30.000.000 |
| DEC 16 | Mobilisation of the EAR for additional humanitarian aid for Afghanistan | 20.000.000 | | 20.000.000 |
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| | Total of Proposals | 171.697.884 | 61.705.366 | 225.021.500 |
| | Remainder | 172.902.116 | 0 | 119.578.500 |
| | Total remainder of commitment appropriations | 172.902.116 | | |