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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 16/2018 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2018

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 16/2018.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 16/2018

FROM

CHAPTER - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 42 Emergency aid reserve

Commitments	-20 000 000,00
Payments	-20 000 000,00

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	20 000 000,00
Payments	20 000 000,00

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	272 902 116,00	219 578 500,00
7 Proposed decrease	20 000 000,00	20 000 000,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1)	5,80 %	5,80 %
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	188 628 642,00	659 724 601,27
7 Proposed increase	20 000 000,00	20 000 000,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1)	1,95 %	1,92 %
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

In Afghanistan, a drought is now developing due to low snowfall during the winter, on top of the conflict, which is intensifying and affecting more areas. As a result, internal displacement is increasing more rapidly than expected and predictions indicate that food insecurity will intensify. In addition, in 2018, about 1 million Afghans are expected to return from Iran and Pakistan - much more than anticipated in the beginning of the year.

Additional funding of EUR 20 million in commitment and payment appropriations, in addition to the EUR 26 million already planned for 2018, is needed to address the sudden peak in returnees, internally displaced and war-affected people inside Afghanistan, and support the repatriation process of Afghan refugees from neighbouring Pakistan and Iran.

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 20 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
	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		