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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	10434/18
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 18/2018 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2018

1. On 22 June 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 18/2018.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 11.5 million from Article 01 03 02 (*Macro-financial assistance*) in commitment appropriations to Item 21 02 07 05 (*Migration and Asylum within the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)*), as recorded in document 10434/18.

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to reinforce the budget line related to Migration and Asylum of the DCI, which could be channelled to the Sahel and Lake Chad window of the EU Trust Fund for Africa to contribute to better migration management and to address root causes of destabilisation, forced displacement and irregular migration. The additional funds would be used for providing protection and assistance for evacuation from Libya and other transit countries along the Central Mediterranean Route and to provide support to voluntary return, reintegration and resettlement.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 5 July 2018.
 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.
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DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council
to : President of the Commission
copy : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 27(4) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 18/2018 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2018.

(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).