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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	12419/18
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 24/2018 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2018

1. On 21 September 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 24/2018.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 20 million in commitment appropriations (c/a) from Articles 05 06 01 (*International agricultural agreements*), 07 02 04 (*Contribution to multilateral and international environment agreements*), 14 02 02 (*Membership of international organisations in the field of customs*) and 34 02 04 (*Contribution to multilateral and international climate agreements*), and from Items 05 05 04 02 (*Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis*), 23 03 01 02 (*Disaster and prevention preparedness in third countries*) and 23 03 02 02 (*Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters in third countries*) to Item 22 04 01 04 (*Support to the peace process and financial assistance to Palestine and to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA)*), as recorded in document 12419/18.

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to reinforce the European Neighbourhood Instrument budget in order to provide an additional contribution to the UNRWA Programme Budget and to help sustain the Agency's operations until the end of 2018 in view of the current financing gap for an amount of EUR 20 million in c/a.
 3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 25 September 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 31(6) of the Financial Regulation of 18 July 2018¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 24/2018 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2018.

(Complimentary close).

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU), 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014 and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).