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From:	Mr Günther OETTINGER, Member of the European Commission
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To:	Mr Eugen Orlando TEODOROVICI, President of the Council of the European Union

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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 01/2019 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2019
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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 01/2019.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2019  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 11, 40

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 01/2019

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**FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments	-37 000 000,00
Payments	-37 000 000,00

**TO**

**CHAPTER** - 1103 Compulsory contributions to Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and other International Organisations and Sustainable Fisheries Agreements

ARTICLE - 11 03 01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters

Commitments	37 000 000,00
Payments	37 000 000,00

## **I. DECREASE**

### **I.1**

#### **a) Heading**

#### **40 02 41 - Differentiated appropriations**

#### **b) Figures at 18/02/2019**

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	757 529 650,00	326 288 650,00
2 Transfers	-23 037 000,00	-27 630 250,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	734 492 650,00	298 658 400,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>734 492 650,00</b>	<b>298 658 400,00</b>
<b>6 Decrease proposed</b>	<b>37 000 000,00</b>	<b>37 000 000,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)</b>	<b>697 492 650,00</b>	<b>261 658 400,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	4,88 %	11,34 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a	n/a

#### **c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)**

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 18/02/2019	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

#### **d) Detailed grounds for the decrease**

Following point 19 of the Inter-institutional Agreement<sup>1</sup> for the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework, the amounts linked to the fisheries agreements and the related protocols setting out fishing opportunities and financial contributions being not in force on the 1st of January of the next exercise when the budget is approved, are inscribed on the reserve line (budget line 40 02 41).

The present transfer from the reserve does concern the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership agreement (SFPA) and the related Protocol signed on 14 January 2019 between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco following Council's authorisation (Council Decision (EU) 2018/2068).

The adoption procedure, including Council's adoption of the decision on final application, is due to be finalised in the coming weeks, so that the protocol can enter into force by end of March.

The European Parliament voted consent to the conclusion of the agreement on 12th February 2019.

<sup>1</sup> 2013/C 373/01

## II. INCREASE

### II.1

#### a) Heading

**11 03 01 - Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters**

#### b) Figures at 18/02/2019

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	25 441 978,00	27 884 978,00
2 Transfers	0,00	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	25 441 978,00	27 884 978,00
4 Appropriations already used	19 563 819,00	14 132 819,00
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>5 878 159,00</b>	<b>13 752 159,00</b>
<b>6 Increase requested</b>	<b>37 000 000,00</b>	<b>37 000 000,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)</b>	<b>42 878 159,00</b>	<b>50 752 159,00</b>
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	145,43 %	132,69 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a	n/a

#### c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 18/02/2019	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

#### d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The increase of EUR 37,0 million in commitment and payment appropriations is needed to pay the access to waters and the sectoral support to the Kingdom of Morocco in 2019, as stipulated in the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership agreement (SFPA) and the related Protocol signed on 14th January 2019 between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco. The protocol is expected to enter into force by end of March.