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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	7307/19
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 08/2019 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2019

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1. On 7 March 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 08/2019.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 370 million in commitment appropriations from Article 40 02 41 (*Differentiated appropriations*) to Item 18 03 01 01 (*Strengthening and developing the common European asylum system and enhancing solidarity and responsibility-sharing between the Member States*), as recorded in document 7307/19.

2. The aim of this transfer is to release a first tranche of the EUR 460 million reserve, established in connection with the Commission proposal to recast the Dublin III Regulation<sup>1</sup> pending the adoption of the legal basis. The additional funds would be used to finance actions in Greece in 2019 and 2020, emergency support for Italy and Spain, as well as the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund's contribution to the EU Trust Fund for Africa, mainly for actions in Morocco.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 8715/16 (COM(2016) 270 final).

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 18 March 2019.
  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 2018<sup>2</sup>, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 08/2019 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2019.

(Complimentary close).

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<sup>2</sup> 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) No 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).