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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 10/2019 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2019
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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 10/2019.

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BRUSSELS, 28/06/2019

GENERAL BUDGET - 2019
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 19, 21

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 10/2019

FROM

CHAPTER - 2109 Completion of actions implemented under Industrialised Countries
Instrument (ICI+) programme

ITEM - 21 09 51 01 Asia (Internal Assigned Revenue Carried Over)	Commitments	-812 750,12
ITEM - 21 09 51 02 Latin America (Internal Assigned Revenue Carried Over)	Commitments	-1 803 079,56
ITEM - 21 09 51 03 Africa (Internal Assigned Revenue Carried Over)	Commitments	-22 734,69

TO

CHAPTER - 1905 Cooperation with third countries under the Partnership Instrument (PI)

ARTICLE - 19 05 01 Cooperation with third countries to advance and promote Union and mutual interests (Internal Assigned Revenue Carried Over)	Commitments	2 638 564,37
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I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

21 09 51 01 - Asia (Internal Assigned Revenue Carried Over)

b) Figures at 11/06/2019

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Internal Assigned Revenue Carried Over)	1 112 750,12
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	1 112 750,12
4 Appropriations already used	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	1 112 750,12
6 Decrease proposed	812 750,12
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	300 000,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	73,04 %
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

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

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	1 112 750,12
2 Appropriations available on 11/06/2019	1 112 750,12
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	0,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

The Commission has recovered under this completion line unused funds for actions implemented under the former Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI+) programme for the period 2007-2013. The ICI+ is replaced in the current Multiannual Financial Framework by the Partnership Instrument implemented under Title 19 of the EU budget.

The commitment appropriations cannot be used for new actions under the completion line as the legal base has expired. It is therefore proposed that they are transferred to the successor Partnership Instrument and used to finance projects under that instrument, in compliance with the provisions of Article 32(1) of the Financial Regulation.

I.2

a) Heading

21 09 51 02 - Latin America (Internal Assigned Revenue Carried Over)

b) Figures at 11/06/2019

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Internal Assigned Revenue Carried Over)	1 863 079,56
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	1 863 079,56
4 Appropriations already used	60 000,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	1 803 079,56
6 Decrease proposed	1 803 079,56
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	0,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	96,78 %
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

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

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	1 863 079,56
2 Appropriations available on 11/06/2019	1 803 079,56
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	3,22 %

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

The Commission has recovered under this completion line unused funds for actions implemented under the former Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI+) programme for the period 2007-2013. The ICI+ is replaced in the current Multiannual Financial Framework by the Partnership Instrument implemented under Title 19 of the EU budget.

The commitment appropriations cannot be used for new actions under the completion line as the legal base has expired. It is therefore proposed that they are transferred to the successor Partnership Instrument and used to finance projects under that instrument, in compliance with the provisions of Article 32(1) of the Financial Regulation.

I.3

a) Heading

21 09 51 03 - Africa (Internal Assigned Revenue Carried Over)

b) Figures at 11/06/2019

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Internal Assigned Revenue Carried Over)	22 734,69
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	22 734,69
4 Appropriations already used	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	22 734,69
6 Decrease proposed	22 734,69
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	0,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	100,00 %
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

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

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	22 734,69
2 Appropriations available on 11/06/2019	22 734,69
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	0,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

The Commission has recovered under this completion line unused funds for actions implemented under the former Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI+) programme for the period 2007-2013. The ICI+ is replaced in the current Multiannual Financial Framework by the Partnership Instrument implemented under Title 19 of the EU budget.

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II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

19 05 01 - Cooperation with third countries to advance and promote Union and mutual interests (Internal Assigned Revenue Carried Over)

b) Figures at 11/06/2019

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Internal Assigned Revenue Carried Over)	1 435 053,74
2 Transfers	1 005 450,21
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	2 440 503,95
4 Appropriations already used	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	2 440 503,95
6 Increase requested	2 638 564,37
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	5 079 068,32
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	183,87 %
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

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

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	1 435 053,74
2 Appropriations available on 11/06/2019	2 440 503,95
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	-70,06 %

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The current planning for the Partnership Instrument Annual Action Programme 2019 envisages the full use of the appropriations available in 2019.

The transfer of the funds recovered under the predecessor ICI+ will allow for funding additional projects from the pipeline, which could otherwise not be implemented in 2019, for example:

- Public Diplomacy - Civil society engagement (Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) mission, New Zealand):

The proposed action aims to promote dialogue and exchanges between Civil Society Organisations and groupings from the EU, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, ASEAN and New Zealand on issues of common interest or sensitive public opinion issues. The EU has an interest to engage with the new generation of Asian and Pacific citizens that are more aware of the EU to understand its institutions, culture, practices and global role;

- Circular Economy and Plastic Waste Americas:

A current project proposal planned to be funded under the Partnership Instrument Annual Action Programme 2019 covers Brazil, Colombia and Canada. There is a strong interest for the EU to expand the project to also include Chile, since Chile is very active on issues of ocean governance.

The action will aim to strengthen the cooperation between the EU and Chile to support a transition towards a more circular economy, in line with the EU Plastic Strategy. This action will support a transition to sustainable consumption and production of plastics, particularly concerning waste prevention (reuse, recycling) and management of plastic waste entering into the fluvial/marine environment, as well as promoting green public procurement.