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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
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 12/2019 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2019

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 12/2019.

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

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 12/2019

FROM

CHAPTER - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments

-16 900 000,00

Payments -16 900 000,00

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

16 900 000,00

Payments

16 900 000,00

I. DECREASE

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a) Heading

40 02 41 - Differentiated appropriations

b) Figures at 13/06/2019

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	757 529 650,00	326 288 650,00
2 Transfers	-514 287 000,00	-94 973 486,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	243 242 650,00	231 315 164,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	243 242 650,00	231 315 164,00
6 Decrease proposed	16 900 000,00	16 900 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	226 342 650,00	214 415 164,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	2,23 %	5,18 %
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)

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 13/06/2019	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

In line with point 19 of the Inter-institutional Agreement on the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework (2013/C 373/01), the available commitment and payment appropriations (EUR 16 900 000) can be transferred from the reserve line 40 02 41 to the operational budget line 11 03 01 to cover the needs resulting from legal obligations.

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 13/06/2019

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	25 441 978,00	27 884 978,00
2 Transfers	36 948 808,59	37 000 000,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	62 390 786,59	64 884 978,00
4 Appropriations already used	19 563 819,00	21 888 819,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	42 826 967,59	42 996 159,00
6 Increase requested	16 900 000,00	16 900 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	59 726 967,59	59 896 159,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	66,43 %	60,61 %
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)

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 13/06/2019	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The increase in commitment and payment appropriations is needed to cover the financial contributions as outlined in the three protocols implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements between the EU and the Republic of Cape Verde (EUR 750 000), the Republic of Guinea Bissau (EUR 15 600 000) and the Republic of Gambia (EUR 550 000).

Following the conclusion of the negotiations as proposed by the Commission, the ratification procedure by both parties is ongoing:

- The Council adopted the decision on the signing of the protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Cape Verde (8655/1/19 REV 1) on 16 May 2019 (OJ L 154, 12.6.2019, p. 1–2);
- The Council adopted the decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (8917/19) on 6 June 2019;
- The adoption of the Council decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia and the Implementation Protocol is expected on 26 June 2019.