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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 17/2019.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2019
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 01, 05, 07, 19, 22, 23, 34

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 17/2019**FROM****CHAPTER - 0103 International economic and financial affairs**

ARTICLE - 01 03 02 Macro-financial assistance Commitments -26 490 000,00

CHAPTER - 0506 International aspects of the 'Agriculture and rural development' policy area

ARTICLE - 05 06 01 International agricultural agreements Commitments -2 209 176,00

CHAPTER - 0702 Environmental policy at Union and international level

ARTICLE - 07 02 04 Contribution to multilateral and international environment agreements Commitments -234 521,00

CHAPTER - 1904 Election observation missions (EU EOMs)

ARTICLE - 19 04 01 Improving the reliability of electoral processes, in particular by means of election observation missions Commitments -18 000 000,00

CHAPTER - 2303 The Union Civil Protection Mechanism

ITEM - 23 03 01 02 Disaster prevention and preparedness in third countries Commitments -1 731 977,00

ITEM - 23 03 02 02 Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters in third countries Commitments -2 000 000,00

CHAPTER - 3402 Climate action at Union and international level

ARTICLE - 34 02 04 Contribution to multilateral and international climate agreements Commitments -52 042,00

TO**CHAPTER - 2204 European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)**

ITEM - 22 04 01 03 Mediterranean countries -- Confidence building, security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts Commitments 50 717 716,00

I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

01 03 02 - Macro-financial assistance

b) Figures at 20/09/2019

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	27 000 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	27 000 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	27 000 000,00
6 Decrease proposed	26 490 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	510 000,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	98,11 %
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	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 20/09/2019	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

There are no new Macro-financial assistance operations with a grant element foreseen until the end of the year and therefore EUR 26,5 million in commitment appropriations can be made available for other needs in Heading 4. The remaining commitment appropriations on the line will be used for evaluations.

I.2

a) Heading

05 06 01 - International agricultural agreements

b) Figures at 20/09/2019

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	6 300 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	6 300 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	4 090 823,71
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	2 209 176,29
6 Decrease proposed	2 209 176,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	0,29
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	35,07 %
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	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 20/09/2019	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

The EU contributions paid to the International Sugar Organisation, the International Grains Council and the International Olive Council were lower than estimated in the 2019 budget. Moreover, for the World Intellectual Property Organisation, it will not be necessary to pay the amount of EUR 1 million budgeted in 2019 as the adoption procedure for the Commission proposals for EU's accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement takes substantially longer than expected. The legislative procedure in the European Parliament and the Council for both proposals (Council Decision on accession and EP/Council Regulation on implementation of accession) will not be finalised before the end of the year. Therefore, the EU will not be bound by the Geneva Act until after 31/12/2019. An amount of EUR 2,2 million in commitment appropriations can be made available for other needs in Heading 4.

I.3

a) Heading

07 02 04 - Contribution to multilateral and international environment agreements

b) Figures at 20/09/2019

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	3 864 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	3 864 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	3 629 478,15
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	234 521,85
6 Decrease proposed	234 521,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	0,85
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	6,07 %
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	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 20/09/2019	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

All contributions to international and multilateral environment agreements due in 2019 have already been paid. Due to the fluctuation of exchange rates, an amount of EUR 234 521 in commitment appropriations remains available on the line to be used for other needs in Heading 4.

I.4

a) Heading

19 04 01 - Improving the reliability of electoral processes, in particular by means of election observation missions

b) Figures at 20/09/2019

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	47 222 896,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	47 222 896,00
4 Appropriations already used	28 810 462,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	18 412 434,00
6 Decrease proposed	18 000 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	412 434,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	38,12 %
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	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 20/09/2019	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

Due to unstable political environment or for security reasons some of the Electoral Observation Missions foreseen for 2019 had to be cancelled or postponed (e.g. Venezuela, Palestine, Libya, Sudan). Therefore, EUR 18 million in commitment appropriations can be made available for other needs in Heading 4.

I.5

a) Heading

23 03 01 02 - Disaster prevention and preparedness in third countries

b) Figures at 20/09/2019

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	5 846 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	5 846 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	1 369 120,02
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	4 476 879,98
6 Decrease proposed	1 731 977,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	2 744 902,98
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	29,63 %
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	421,96
2 Appropriations available on 20/09/2019	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

Certain calls for proposals did not receive valid proposals or had proposals of poor quality and therefore the full amount foreseen for 2019 could not be contracted. As a result, EUR 1,7 million in commitment appropriations can be made available for other needs in Heading 4.

I.6

a) Heading

23 03 02 02 - Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters in third countries

b) Figures at 20/09/2019

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	15 700 000,00
2 Transfers	2 000 000,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	17 700 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	13 750 000,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	3 950 000,00
6 Decrease proposed	2 000 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	1 950 000,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	12,74 %
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	4 522,06
2 Appropriations available on 20/09/2019	4 522,06
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	0,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

The number of activations of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism during the year is unpredictable by nature, since it fully depends on the emergencies that occur and the number of transport interventions carried out.

The needs in 2019 have so far been lower than expected. After keeping an amount for future unforeseen needs, the Commission estimates that EUR 2 million in commitment appropriations can be made available for other needs in Heading 4.

I.7

a) Heading

34 02 04 - Contribution to multilateral and international climate agreements

b) Figures at 20/09/2019

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	910 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	910 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	857 958,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	52 042,00
6 Decrease proposed	52 042,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	0,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	5,72 %
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	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 20/09/2019	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

All commitments and payments to multilateral and international climate agreements due in 2019 have been made. The remaining appropriations on the line are no longer needed and can be made available for other needs in Heading 4.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

22 04 01 03 - Mediterranean countries -- Confidence building, security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts

b) Figures at 20/09/2019

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	423 718 409,00
2 Transfers	-69 445 853,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	354 272 556,00
4 Appropriations already used	143 000 000,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	211 272 556,00
6 Increase requested	50 717 716,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	261 990 272,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	11,97 %
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	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 20/09/2019	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

It is proposed to reinforce the European Neighbourhood Instrument by EUR 50,7 million in commitment appropriations in order to make an additional contribution to the North Africa window of the EU Trust Fund for Africa. This will allow to continue on-going actions in the field of border management in Morocco and to reinforce the protection and resilience of migrants, refugees and host communities in Libya. An on-going regional programme aimed at strengthening migrant protection and sustainable reintegration systems in the region would also receive a substantial top-up.