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## COVER NOTE

From:	Mr Johannes HAHN, Member of the European Commission
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To:	Mr Jiří GEORGIEV, President of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 23/2022 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2022

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 23/2022.

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BRUSSELS,

GENERAL BUDGET - 2022  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 08, 30

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 23/2022**

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**FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 3002 Reserves for operational expenditure

ARTICLE - 30 02 02 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments

-3 962 500,00

**TO**

**CHAPTER** - 0805 Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPA) and  
Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMO)

ARTICLE - 08 05 01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities  
carried out by Union fishing vessels in third-country waters

Commitments

3 962 500,00

## **I. DECREASE**

### **I.1**

#### **a) Heading**

**30 02 02 - Differentiated appropriations**

#### **b) Figures at 17/10/2022**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	24 506 411,00
2 Transfers	-18 133 911,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	6 372 500,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>6 372 500,00</b>
<b>6 Decrease proposed</b>	<b>3 962 500,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)</b>	<b>2 410 000,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	16,17 %
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)**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 17/10/2022	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

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

In line with point 20 of the Inter-Institutional Agreement on the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework, amounts provided for in the budget for new fisheries agreements or for the renewal of fisheries agreements, which enter into force after 1 January of the financial year concerned, shall be included in the reserve.

It is proposed to transfer an amount of EUR 4 million in commitment appropriations from the reserve to the operational budget line for Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPA) (08 05 01) to cover the financial obligations resulting from the signing and concluding of a Protocol implementing the SFPA between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius, as well as, to cover additional catches related to financial year 2022 as set out in the relevant SFPAs and Protocols for the Government of Greenland and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tomé and Príncipe.

## **II. INCREASE**

### **II.1**

#### **a) Heading**

**08 05 01 - Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third-country waters**

#### **b) Figures at 17/10/2022**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	149 268 754,00
2 Transfers	287 500,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	149 556 254,00
4 Appropriations already used	144 494 549,00
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>5 061 705,00</b>
<b>6 Increase requested</b>	<b>3 962 500,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)</b>	<b>9 024 205,00</b>
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	2,65 %
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)**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 17/10/2022	0,00
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	n/a

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

The reinforcement of the operational line for Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA) by EUR 4 million in commitment appropriations is necessary to honour the 2022 financial obligations of EUR 725 000 stemming from the signing and concluding of a Protocol implementing the SFPA between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius, as well as, to cover additional catches related to financial year 2022 as set out in the relevant SFPAs and Protocols for the Government of Greenland and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tomé and Príncipe for an amount of EUR 3,2 million.

Further to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2022) 421 of 16 September 2022) on the signature of a new protocol with Mauritius, the Council decision, which serves as a legal basis for the signature of the agreement, is expected to be adopted early November. The Protocol will then enter into provisional application upon signature by both parties at the end of November 2022, which will enable committing the 2022 financial contribution.