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From: Budget Committee

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Transfer of appropriations No DEC 1/2022 within Section VII - Committee of the Regions - of the general budget for 2022
- Statement by Austria

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We note with concern the approach taken by the Committee of the Regions in this transfer request. Our worries have not been dispelled in the way the Committee is applying the budgetary principle of sound financial management, performance and principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness with this request. We recall, that the Committee requested additional funds to cover remuneration related needs in draft amending budget 5/2022, while now transferring funds from the same budgetary title to other needs for non-salary related expenditure. We recall the Councils budget guidelines and the importance of keeping the funding under firm control and of limiting it to justified needs.