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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	6029/23
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 03/2023 within Section III – Commission – of the general budget for 2023 – <i>Approval</i> – <i>Approval of a letter</i>

1. On 2 February 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 03/2023, in accordance with Article 31(1) of the Financial Regulation¹.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 185 million in commitment appropriations and payment appropriations from Article 30 04 01 (*Solidarity and emergency aid reserve (SEAR)*) to Article 14 03 01 (*Humanitarian aid*), as set out in document 6029/23.

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014 and Decision No 541/2014/EU, and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

2. The aim of the transfer is to support the food security crises in Africa and in Yemen, as well as the multi sectoral crisis in Venezuela as follows:

- food security: EUR 138 million for Africa, with a focus on West and Central Africa, Somalia, Sudan and South Sudan, Southern Africa and Madagascar;
- food security: EUR 26 million for Yemen, which has the highest Global Hunger Index score in the world;
- humanitarian support to the vulnerable population inside Venezuela and in the region (EUR 21 million).

Given the urgent circumstances, the three-week period for approval applies, in accordance with Article 31(4) of the Financial Regulation.

3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 7 February 2023.

4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:

- the proposed transfer of appropriations, as set out in document 6029/23; and
- the draft letter in the ANNEX to this note.

DRAFT LETTER

from the: President of the Council
to the: President of the European Parliament
copy: President of the Commission

Dear President,

In accordance with Article 31(4) and (6) of the Financial Regulation of 18 July 2018¹, I hereby inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 03/2023 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2023.

(Complimentary close)

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