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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	12818/23
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 12/2023 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2023 - <i>Approval</i> - <i>Approval of a letter</i>

1. On 8 September 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 12/2023, in accordance with Article 31(1) of the Financial Regulation¹.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 9.34 million in both commitment and payment appropriations from Item 15 02 02 01 (*Preparation for accession*) to Article 15 01 01 (*Support expenditure for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)*), as recorded in document 12818/23.

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 this transfer is to cover the agreed payments to local agents of the EU Delegation in Türkiye following the amicable settlement agreed on 31 July 2023 between the Commission (DG NEAR), the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the local agents, which will put an end to the litigations and ensure the smooth functioning of the EU Delegation. An additional amount of EUR 1.9 million will have to be paid in 2023 by the EEAS for its staff for the period 2014 to 2023, which will be funded from current availabilities in the EEAS's administrative budget.
3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 26 September 2023. During this meeting, the Commission also specified that within Article 15 01 01, the transfer was to be made to Item 15 01 01 01 (*Support expenditure for IPA*).
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 12818/23; 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(6) of the Financial Regulation of 18 July 2018¹, I hereby inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 12/2023 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2023.

(Complimentary close).

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