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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	13787/23
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 16/2023 within Section III – Commission – of the general budget for 2023 – <i>Approval</i> – <i>Approval of a letter</i>

1. On 4 October 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 16/2023, in accordance with Article 31(1) of the Financial Regulation¹.

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).

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 411.95 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 401.11 million in payment appropriations from Article 30 04 01 (*Solidarity and emergency aid reserve (SEAR)*) and Items 14 02 02 10 (*Election observation missions -- Human Rights and Democracy*) and 14 20 03 01 (*Macro-financial assistance (MFA) grants*) to Articles 06 05 01 (*Union Civil Protection Mechanism*) and 14 03 01 (*Humanitarian aid*) and Item 16 02 01 01 (*Assistance to Member States in relation to events eligible under the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)*), as set out in document 13787/23.

2. The aim of the transfer is to reinforce:

- the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) by EUR 10 million to ensure the EU's capacity to react to unforeseen events that might unfold still in 2023 (e.g. cyclones, typhoons, hurricanes and (wild)fires);
- Humanitarian Aid by EUR 248.89 million to provide humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan, Ukraine and Moldova, Sudan, Syria and Lebanon, and Nagorno–Karabakh; and
- the EUSF by 152.71 million to cover the advance payments to Italy in relation to the floods in Emilia Romagna which occurred in May 2023 (and in relation to the floods in Slovenia which occurred at the beginning of August 2023).

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 10 October 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 13787/23; and
 - the draft letter in the ANNEX to this note.
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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 16/2023 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2023.

(Complimentary close)

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).