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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 01/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

1. On 2 March 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 01/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 14.42 million in commitment appropriations (c/a) and EUR 1.5 million in payment appropriations (p/a) from Item 05 05 04 02 (Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis) to Article 20 02 01 (External trade relations, including access to the markets of third countries) (EUR 2 million in c/a and EUR 1.5 million in p/a) and Item 22 04 01 03 (Mediterranean countries - Confidence building, security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts) (EUR 12.42 million in c/a), as recorded in document 6503/20.

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- 2. The transfer is being proposed to finance IT work stations and related equipment to ensure the protection of information related to investment transactions under foreign direct investments, and to make an additional contribution to the North Africa window of the EU Trust Fund for Africa, to allow the continuation of projects such as emergency support to migrants and stabilisation support to hosting communities in Libya, and support for border management and the national migration strategy in Tunisia.
- 3. The proposal was examined at Budget Committee level in a silent procedure, which ended on 11 March 2020, without any objections being raised.
- 4. <u>The Permanent Representatives Committee</u> is therefore asked to:
 - advise the Council to approve the proposed transfer of appropriations; and
 - agree, by unanimity, to use the written procedure for this purpose.

The General Secretariat of the Council will inform the Commission, as well as the European Parliament of the Council's decision.

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