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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 02/2020 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 02/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 30 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 24 million in payment appropriations from Article 40 02 42 (*Emergency Aid Reserve*) to Article 23 02 01 (*Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food assistance*), as recorded in document 6504/20.

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to contribute to strengthening epidemic preparedness and response through the WHO Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan to the COVID-19 outbreak, in particular, to provide support to coordination, capacity building, screening, diagnostics and management of cases, awareness raising and containment measures in African and Asian countries with weak health systems.

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. The Permanent Representatives Committee 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.
