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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 03/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

1. On 11 March 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 03/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 90 million in commitment (c/a) and payment appropriations (p/a) from Item 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 6755/20.

2. The transfer of an amount of EUR 50 million in c/a and p/a is being proposed to provide urgent assistance to key sectors in Venezuela to address the most acute needs (health, protection, nutrition, education in emergencies, water and sanitation and psychosocial support) arising from the political crisis in Venezuela. The transfer of an amount of EUR 40 million in c/a and p/a is being proposed to finance immediate food pre-positioning and food assistance, as well as livelihood support, seeds for farmers and fodder distribution to protect livestock in order to address the needs arising from the locust infestation in East Africa.

3. The proposal was examined at Budget Committee level in a silent procedure, which ended on 1 April 2020, without any objections being raised.
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm its agreement on the proposed transfer of appropriations as set out in document 6755/20; and
 - decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430¹, that the Council uses the written procedure for its approval.

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

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2020/430 of 23 March 2020 on a temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 88 I, 24.4.2020, p. 1).