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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 05/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

1. On 14 April 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 05/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 13 million in commitment appropriations from Article 21 02 04 (*Cooperation with the Middle East*) to Article 23 02 01 (*Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food assistance*), as recorded in document 7289/20.

2. The transfer is being proposed to ensure an effective and efficient response to the severe COVID-19 crisis in Iran with fast contracting and delivery of support, such as urgent procurement of medical supplies, as is possible under the Humanitarian Aid instrument.

3. The Budget Committee had the occasion to ask questions related to the transfer proposal during the informal videoconference of the members of the Budget Committee on 21 April 2020 and examined this proposal in a written consultation, which ended on 23 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 7289/20; 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).