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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	7493/20
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 07/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

1. On 22 April 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 07/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 50 million in commitment appropriations from Article 40 02 42 (*Emergency aid reserve*) and EUR 40 million in payment appropriations from Articles 05 06 01 (*International agricultural agreements*) and 40 02 42 (*Emergency aid reserve*), and Items 05 05 03 02 (*Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis*) and 05 05 04 02 (*Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis*) to Article 23 02 01 (*Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food assistance*), as recorded in document 7493/20.

2. The transfer is being proposed to enhance health, water, sanitation and hygiene services as a crucial element in trying to prevent the further spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in crowded settings, including refugee or internally displaced person camps/settlements and host communities. Given the challenging circumstances of the pandemic and related restrictions of movement, the funds will also support logistics services and supply chains for an effective delivery of emergency aid.
3. The proposal was examined at Budget Committee level in a silent procedure, which ended on 29 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 7493/20; 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).