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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	7494/20
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 08/2020 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 08/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 27 144 930 in commitment appropriations from Articles 01 03 02 (*Macro-financial assistance*) and 05 06 01 (*International agricultural agreements*), and Items 13 05 63 02 (*IPA Cross-border cooperation (CBC) -- Contribution from Heading 4*) and 22 04 03 01 (*ENI Cross-border cooperation (CBC) -- Contribution from Heading 4*) to Item 23 03 02 02 (*Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters in third countries*), as recorded in document 7494/20.

2. The transfer is being proposed to complement the budgetary reinforcement made through the amending budget No 1/2020 for EU citizen's repatriation flights under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM). This support is available for multi-national flights only, i.e. those taking on board citizens from various Member States and comes into play as a mechanism of "last resort", meaning that commercial repatriation options need to be explored and exhausted by each Member State concerned.

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 7494/20; 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).