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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 06/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

1. On 20 April 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 06/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 7.84 million in commitment appropriations from Article 40 02 41 (*Differentiated appropriations*) to Article 11 03 01 (*Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters*), as recorded in document 7452/20.

2. The aim of this transfer is to cover the financial contributions as outlined in the three protocols implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnerships Agreements between the EU and the Republic of Senegal (EUR 1.7 million), the Republic of Sao Tomé and Príncipe (EUR 0.8 million) and the Republic of Seychelles (EUR 5.3 million).

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 7452/20; 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).