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From:	Mr Johannes HAHN, Member of the European Commission
date of receipt:	15 May 2020
To:	Mr Zdravko MARIĆ, President of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 09/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 09/2020.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2020  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLE: 23

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 09/2020**

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**FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 2303 The Union Civil Protection Mechanism

ITEM - 23 03 02 02 Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters in third countries	Commitments	-15 789 900,00
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**TO**

**CHAPTER** - 2302 Humanitarian aid, food assistance and disaster preparedness

ARTICLE - 23 02 01 Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food assistance	Commitments	15 789 900,00
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## I. DECREASE

### I.1

#### a) Heading

**23 03 02 02 - Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters in third countries**

#### b) Figures at 30/04/2020

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	57 700 000,00
2 Transfers	16 389 900,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	74 089 900,00
4 Appropriations already used	11 250 000,00
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>62 839 900,00</b>
<b>6 Decrease proposed</b>	<b>15 789 900,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)</b>	<b>47 050 000,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	27,37 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

#### c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 30/04/2020	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

#### d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

As announced in the explanatory memorandum to the Draft Amending Budget 1/2020, given the urgency of the repatriations of EU citizens to Europe and the need for immediate action related to the current COVID-19 crisis, the Commission transferred, autonomously, EUR 15,8 million in commitment appropriations from the humanitarian aid instrument to the Union Civil Protection Mechanism on 19 March 2020, in order to cover the lack of available commitment appropriations under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism at the time. This transfer was made in line with Article 30(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation, and with the intention of proposing a transfer for decision of the European Parliament and the Council later in the year to reinstate these commitment appropriations to the humanitarian aid instrument.

As the Amending Budget 1/2020 reinforcing the Union Civil Protection Mechanism was adopted on 17 April 2020, the Commission is requesting the reinstatement of these appropriations for the purposes of humanitarian aid.

## **II. INCREASE**

### **II.1**

#### **a) Heading**

**23 02 01 - Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food assistance**

#### **b) Figures at 30/04/2020**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	1 042 234 779,00
2 Transfers	58 607 984,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	1 100 842 763,00
4 Appropriations already used	1 027 632 384,00
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>73 210 379,00</b>
<b>6 Increase requested</b>	<b>15 789 900,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)</b>	<b>89 000 279,00</b>
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	1,52 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

#### **c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	1 024 638,59
2 Appropriations available on 30/04/2020	1 024 638,59
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	0,00 %

#### **d) Detailed grounds for the increase**

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