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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	7968/20
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 09/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

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1. On 15 May 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 09/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 15.79 million in commitment appropriations from Item 23 03 02 02 (*Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters in third countries*) to Article 23 02 01 (*Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food assistance*), as recorded in document 7968/20.

2. The purpose of the transfer is to reinstate the amount of EUR 15.8 million that the Commission transferred from the Humanitarian Aid instrument to the Civil Protection Mechanism on 19 March 2020 for repatriation flights and immediate actions related to the COVID-19 crisis. At the time, there was a lack of commitment appropriations. Amending Budget No 1/2020 has in the meantime reinforced the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, and the amount can be reallocated to the Humanitarian Aid instrument.

3. The proposal was examined at Budget Committee level in a silent procedure, which ended on 20 May 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 7968/20; 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 2020/430<sup>1</sup>, 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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, 24.3.2020, p. 1).