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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 10/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

1. On 14 May 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 10/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 55.9 million in commitment appropriations from Articles 19 04 01 (*Improving the reliability of electoral processes, in particular by means of election observation missions*), 21 02 02 (*Cooperation with Asia*), 21 02 04 (*Cooperation with the Middle East*) and 21 02 05 (*Cooperation with Afghanistan*) to Article 23 02 01 (*Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food assistance*), as recorded in document 7969/20.

2. The purpose of this transfer is to reallocate:
- EUR 3 million from electoral observation missions in Jordan, Suriname and Afghanistan, which do not take place due to the COVID-19 crisis, to the Humanitarian Aid budget to reinforce the EU's support in Bosnia-Herzegovina related to the COVID-19 crisis, in particular, health and protection assistance for refugees and migrants in temporary reception facilities, outreach assistance and child protection;
 - EUR 27.9 million from the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) for Asia to the Humanitarian Aid budget line to reinforce the EU's response to the COVID-19 crisis in Pakistan to help address immediate needs, such as medical procurement, water, sanitation and hygiene items and hygiene promotion activities, communication outreach, awareness raising and emergency food distribution;
 - EUR 10 million from DCI for the Middle East to the Humanitarian Aid budget line to support the Iraq National Health Security Action Plan, implemented through the World Health organisation, as well as water, sanitation and hygiene measures and food security measures; and
 - EUR 15 million from DCI for Afghanistan to the Humanitarian Aid budget line to reinforce the EU's response to the COVID-19 crisis in Afghanistan, supporting the procurement of protective equipment, tests and laboratory supplies, ensuring infection control measures/triage/referrals are enforced and reinforcing the support to primary health care providers to ensure infection control measures/triage/referrals.

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 7969/20; 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, 24.3.2020, p. 1).