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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 12/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

1. On 12 June 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 12/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 130 million in commitment (c/a) and payment appropriations (p/a) from Item 40 02 42 (*Emergency aid reserve*) to Article 23 02 01 (*Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food assistance*), as recorded in document 8827/20.

2. The purpose of this transfer is to utilise the Emergency Aid Reserve to provide:
 - EUR 70 million in c/a and p/a to address the humanitarian crisis in Yemen, in addition to the EUR 40 million already programmed for 2020. The crisis is exacerbated by an escalation of the conflict, the COVID-19 outbreak and recent rainfalls and flooding. The additional funding will be used to avoid a break in the food and nutrition pipelines of World Food Programme (WFP) and UNICEF, which is expected as of end of May/June 2020;
 - EUR 40 million in c/a and p/a to cover the humanitarian needs in Sahel, in addition to the EUR 167 million already programmed for 2020. The situation in Sahel has spiked due to rising insecurity, climate shocks and most lately due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The funds are needed to mitigate the risk linked to food insecurity during the lean season, which is expected to be severe, to finance emergency food assistance, nutrition support, protection and multi-sectoral rapid response assistance; and
 - EUR 20 million in c/a and p/a to address the humanitarian crisis in Sudan, in addition to the EUR 30 million already programmed for 2020. Recent developments have led to a dramatic deterioration of the situation, partly due to the COVID-19 outbreak as well as economic factors. The funds are needed for immediate food assistance and livelihood support, as well as ongoing life-saving health and nutrition services. They may also support a scaling-up of humanitarian actors' capacity to provide multisector emergency response and humanitarian logistics services.
3. The proposal was examined at Budget Committee level in a silent procedure, which ended on 17 June 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 8827/20; 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).