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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	9377/20
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 13/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

1. On 3 July 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 13/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 140 million in payment appropriations from Items 18 02 01 01 (*Support of border management and a common visa policy to facilitate legitimate travel*) and 18 02 01 02 (*Prevention and fight against cross-border organised crime and better management of security-related risks and crisis*) to Article 18 07 01 (*Emergency support within the Union*), as recorded in document 9377/20.

2. The aim of this transfer is to reinforce this budget line to cover payments in the framework of an Agreement with Member States with a view to signing EU-level Advance Purchase Agreements with vaccine manufacturers (Commission decision adopted on 18 June 2020). The purpose of these Agreements is to develop and deploy an effective and safe vaccine against the virus COVID-19. On this basis, the Commission will run a single central procurement procedure on behalf of all Member States.
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meetings on 8 and 14 July 2020.
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 9377/20; 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).