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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	13294/19
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 21/2019 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2019

1. On 18 October 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 21/2019.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 100 million in commitment appropriations (c/a) from Article 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 13294/19.

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to address the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan resulting from the increase in refugees to cover the needs of displaced persons, returnees and war victims etc., for an amount of EUR 40 million in c/a; to address the humanitarian situation in the Sahel (Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger) to provide assistance to forced displacement, health and nutrition, humanitarian access, civil-military coordination, food assistance and protection for an amount of EUR 35 million in c/a; and to provide humanitarian assistance to persons affected by severe food insecurity and massive flooding in Sudan for an amount of EUR 25 million.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 24 October 2019.
 4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
 - the proposed transfer of appropriations;
 - the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect.
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DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the Commission

copy : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 32(2) and 31(6) of the Financial Regulation of 18 July 2018¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 21/2019 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2019.

(Complimentary close).

1 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU), 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014 and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).