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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	10147/20
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 15/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

1. On 17 August 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 15/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 30 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 10147/20.

2. The purpose of this transfer is to provide a reinforcement of the humanitarian aid budget by EUR 30 million in c/a and p/a to address the quickly deteriorating humanitarian situation in Lebanon, following the devastating explosion that took place at the port of Beirut on 4 August 2020. The funds will be used to support emergency health interventions, shelter, water and sanitation, food assistance, protection and education.
3. The **Budget Committee** examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 25 August 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 10147/20; 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).