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From: Budget Committee  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee  
Subject: Transfer of appropriations No 2/2020 within Section VIII - European Ombudsman - of the general budget for 2020

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1. On 7 September 2020, the European Ombudsman submitted to the Council its proposal for transfer of appropriations No 2/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 1 337 000 from Articles 1 0 4 (*Mission expenses*), 2 1 6 (*Vehicles*), 3 0 0 (*Staff mission expenses*), 3 0 2 (*Reception and representation expenses*), 3 0 3 (*Meetings in general*) and 3 0 4 (*Internal meetings*), and Items 1 2 0 0 (*Remuneration and allowances*), 1 4 0 0 (*Other staff*), 1 4 0 4 (*Graduate traineeships, grants and exchange of officials*), 1 6 1 2 (*Further trainings*), 2 3 0 0 (*Stationary, office supplies and miscellaneous consumables*), 3 2 1 0 (*Communication and publications*) and 3300 (*Studies*) to Articles 2 1 2 (*Furniture*) and 2 3 2 (*Support for activities*), and Item 2 0 0 0 (*Rent*).

2. The aim of this exceptional budgetary request for a transfer is to finance part of the costs associated with relocating the European Ombudsman's Brussels offices.
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meetings on 14 and 29 September, and 5 October 2020, and was able to approve it.
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
  - confirm its agreement on the proposed transfer of appropriations; 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 2020/430<sup>1</sup>, that the Council uses the written procedure for its approval.

The General Secretariat of the Council will inform the European Ombudsman, as well as the European Parliament of the Council's decision.

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<sup>1</sup> 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).