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From:	Mr Johannes HAHN, Member of the European Commission
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To:	Ms Bettina HAGEDORN, President of the Council of the European Union

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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 22/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020
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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 22/2020.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

BRUSSELS, 21/10/2020

GENERAL BUDGET - 2020  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 11, 40

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 22/2020**

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**FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments	-60 003 000,00
Payments	-57 955 369,00

**TO**

**CHAPTER** - 1103 Compulsory contributions to Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and other International Organisations and Sustainable Fisheries Agreements

ARTICLE - 11 03 01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters

Commitments	60 003 000,00
Payments	57 955 369,00

## I. DECREASE

### I.1

#### a) Heading

#### **40 02 41 - Differentiated appropriations**

#### b) Figures at 13/10/2020

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	68 846 000,00	65 303 000,00
2 Transfers	-7 840 000,00	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	61 006 000,00	65 303 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>61 006 000,00</b>	<b>65 303 000,00</b>
<b>6 Decrease proposed</b>	<b>60 003 000,00</b>	<b>57 955 369,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)</b>	<b>1 003 000,00</b>	<b>7 347 631,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	87,16 %	88,75 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a	n/a

#### c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 13/10/2020	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

#### d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

In line with point 19 of the Inter-Institutional Agreement on the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework (2013/C 373/01), the available commitment appropriations (EUR 60 million) and payment appropriations (EUR 58 million) can be transferred from the reserve 40 02 41 to the operational budget line 11 03 01 to cover the needs resulting from legal obligations related to the implementation of the EU Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs).

## II. INCREASE

### II.1

#### a) Heading

**11 03 01 - Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters**

#### b) Figures at 13/10/2020

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	74 756 978,00	72 831 978,00
2 Transfers	7 688 000,00	-152 000,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	82 444 978,00	72 679 978,00
4 Appropriations already used	81 291 828,00	36 995 895,00
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>1 153 150,00</b>	<b>35 684 083,00</b>
<b>6 Increase requested</b>	<b>60 003 000,00</b>	<b>57 955 369,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)</b>	<b>61 156 150,00</b>	<b>93 639 452,00</b>
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	80,26 %	79,57 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a	n/a

#### c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 13/10/2020	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

#### d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The reinforcement of the operational line by EUR 60 million in commitment and EUR 58 million in payment appropriations is needed to honour the obligations resulting from the extension of the current Protocols implementing the EU Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs) for this year:

- with the Government of the Cook Islands (EUR 0,7 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 0,4 million in payment appropriations) expiring on 13th October;
- with the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (EUR 61,6 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 57,5 million in payment appropriations) expiring on 15th November;
- as well as for additional catches covering the implementation of the Protocols for the SFPAs with Cabo Verde, Mauritius and Seychelles (EUR 0,1 million in commitment and payment appropriations).

The additional commitment appropriations needs (EUR 2,4 million) will be covered by availabilities under the operational line.

In view of the two Protocols being extended, the Commission proposals regarding the Mauritanian extension have been adopted by the College on 28 September (COM(2020) 587 and 588). As for the extension for the Cook Islands, the Commission proposals have been adopted by the College on 25 September (COM(2020) 589 and 598). Both extensions were on the agenda of the Council Working Party of 30 September and the Decisions are foreseen to be adopted by end of October/beginning of November.

The commitment appropriations include for the extended year the annual financial contribution set out in the Protocols.

The reinforcement in payment appropriations cover the access payments to be processed before the end of the year following the signature of the extended Protocols by both parties.