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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	12483/20
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 24/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

1. On 3 November 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 24/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 102 273 816 in commitment appropriations (c/a) and EUR 107 708 816 in payment appropriations (p/a) from Articles 17 03 01 (*Third programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020)*), 17 03 10 (*European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control*), 17 03 11 (*European Food Safety Authority*), 18 02 03 (*European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)*), 18 02 05 (*European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)*) and 40 02 41 (*Differentiated appropriations*), and Items 17 03 12 01 (*Union contribution to the European Medicines Agency*) and 17 03 12 02 (*Special contribution for orphan medicinal products*), to Article 17 04 04 (*Fund for emergency measures related to animal and plant health*) and Item 18 03 01 01 (*Strengthening and developing the common European asylum system and enhancing solidarity and responsibility-sharing between the Member States*), as recorded in document 12483/20.

2. The aim of this transfer is to reinforce the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) by EUR 102.3 million in c/a and EUR 95.1 million in p/a. The proposed increase in c/a will reinforce the envelope for emergency assistance in view of the remaining considerable needs in the short term, especially in Greece, and will thus ensure, in the transition from the current to the next multiannual financial framework, continued capacity to respond swiftly in case the migratory situation requires triggering emergency assistance. The reinforcement in p/a will cover the pre-financing payments on emergency assistance files, mainly for Greece.

In addition, it is proposed to reinforce the Fund for emergency measures related to animal and plant health by EUR 12.6 million in p/a, in order to cover payments related to several cases of African Swine Fever in the Member States.

3. The **Budget Committee** examined this proposal for a transfer at an informal videoconference of its members on 6 November 2020 and at its meeting on 16 November 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 as set out in document 12483/20; 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).