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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	12781/20
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 26/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

1. On 10 November 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 26/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 40.7 million in non-differentiated appropriations from Items XX 01 01 01 (*Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff working with the institution*), XX 01 01 02 (*Expenditure related to Commission officials and temporary staff working in Union delegations*), 16 01 02 03 (*External personnel - Commission Representations*), A2 01 01 (*Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff*), A3 01 01 (*Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff*), A4 01 01 (*Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff*), A5 01 01 (*Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff*), A6 01 01 (*Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff*), A7 01 01 (*Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff*), 30 01 13 03 (*Weightings and adjustments to temporary allowances*), 30 01 14 03 (*Adjustments to allowances*), 30 01 15 03 (*Weightings and adjustments to pensions and allowances*), 30 01 16 01 (*Pensions of former Members of the European Parliament*), 30 01 16 02 (*Pensions of*

former Presidents of the European Council and of former Secretaries-General of the Council of the European Union), 30 01 16 03 (Pensions of former Members of the European Commission), 30 01 16 04 (Pensions of former Members of the Court of Justice of the European Union), 30 01 16 05 (Pensions of former Members of the European Court of Auditors), 30 01 16 06 (Pensions of former European Ombudsmen), 30 01 16 07 (Pensions of former European Data Protection Supervisors), to Item 26 01 23 02 (Acquisition and renting of buildings in Luxembourg), as recorded in document 12781/20.

2. The aim of this transfer is to allow the Commission to carry out a forth advance payment to the Luxembourg State at the end of 2020 concerning the construction of a new building to replace the Jean Monnet Building in Luxembourg-Kirchberg. This operation corresponds to the plan proposed in an information note from the Commission sent to the budgetary authority on August 2018.
3. This proposal for a transfer was examined by the members of the Budget Committee at an informal videoconference on 13 November 2020, without any objections being raised.
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 12781/20; 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).