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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 23/2020 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 23/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 6.8 million in commitment appropriations (c/a) from Article 17 03 01 (*Third programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020)*) to Item 18 04 01 01 (*Europe for citizens - Strengthening remembrance and enhancing capacity for civic participation at the Union level*), as recorded in document 12482/20.

2. The aim of this transfer is to reinforce this budget line in order to bridge the one-year gap between the Framework Partnership Agreements (FPAs) under the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme 2014-2020, which last until the end of 2021, and those under the Europe for Citizens programme 2014-2020, which finish at the end of 2020. In view of the creation of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme, which is the merger of the two previous programmes in the next multiannual financial framework, a reinforcement of EUR 6.8 million in c/a is needed to cover the bridging gap for about 20 FPAs.
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 12482/20; 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).