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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 02/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021

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1. On 10 March 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 2/2021, in accordance with Article 32(2) of the Financial Regulation<sup>1</sup>.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 100 000 000 in commitment and payment appropriations from Article 30 04 01 (*Solidarity and emergency aid reserve*) to Article 14 03 01 (*Humanitarian aid*), as recorded in document 6905/21.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014 and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to allow an urgent humanitarian initiative for supporting the Africa Centre for Disease Control (ACfDC) and African Countries in rolling out the COVID-19 vaccination, in particular those affected by humanitarian crises or receiving vaccines under the COVAX Humanitarian Buffer. The support will mainly address the major challenges related to the vaccination campaign (from the identification of the population groups to the logistics) and build resilience to address future health crises and pandemics. Given the urgent circumstances, the three weeks period for approval shall apply, in accordance with Article 31(4) of the Financial Regulation.
3. This proposal for a transfer was examined at the Budget Committee meeting on 23 March 2021, 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 6905/21; 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>, as further extended by Council Decision 2021/454<sup>2</sup>, 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.

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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).

<sup>2</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2021/454 of 12 March 2021 further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, and extended by Decisions (EU) 2020/556, (EU) 2020/702, (EU) 2020/970, (EU) 2020/1253, (EU) 2020/1659 and (EU) 2021/26, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 89, 16.3.2021, p. 15).