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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 05/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021

1. On 24 March 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 05/2021, in accordance with Article 32(2) of the Financial Regulation¹.

The transfer is being proposed in order to allow immediate new actions in response to the COVID-19 crisis within the Union. It will contribute to a larger reinforcement of the Emergency Support Instrument (ESI) and the EU contribution to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).

¹ 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) No 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 purpose of this proposal is to transfer from Article 30 04 01 (*Solidarity and emergency aid reserve*) an amount of EUR 75 500 000 in commitment (c/a) and payment appropriations (p/a) to Article 06 07 01 (*Emergency Support Instrument*), and an amount of EUR 46 000 000 in c/a and p/a to Article 06 10 01 (*European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control*), as recorded in document 7349/21.

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 30 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 7349/21; 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 2020/430², as further extended by Council Decision 2021/454³, 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.

² 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).

³ 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).