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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 03/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021

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1. On 24 March 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 03/2021, related to the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund<sup>1</sup>.
2. The purpose of this proposal is to transfer from Article 30 04 01 (*Solidarity and emergency aid reserve (SEAR)*) a total amount of EUR 427 543 750 in commitment (c/a) and payment appropriations (p/a) to be distributed to Item 16 02 01 01 (*Assistance to Member States in relation to events eligible under the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)*) for an amount of EUR 414 470 698 in c/a and p/a, and to Item 16 02 01 02 (*Assistance to countries negotiating for accession in relation to events eligible under the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)*) for an amount of EUR 13 073 052 in c/a and p/a.
3. This proposal for a transfer was examined at the Budget Committee meeting on 30 March 2021, without any objections being raised.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 7305/21.

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 7306/21; 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).