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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 11/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 11/2021.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2021 SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 08, 30

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 11/2021

FROM

CHAPTER - 3002 Reserves for operational expenditure

ARTICLE - 30 02 02 Differentiated appropriations Commitments -17 292 004,34

Payments -17 292 004,34

<u>TO</u>

CHAPTER - 0805 Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPA) and Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMO)

ARTICLE - 08 05 01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities

Commitments 17 292 004,34 carried out by Union fishing vessels in third-country waters Payments 17 292 004,34

I. DECREASE

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a) Heading

30 02 02 - Differentiated appropriations

b) Figures at 05/05/2021

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	74 600 000,00	71 600 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	74 600 000,00	71 600 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	74 600 000,00	71 600 000,00
6 Decrease proposed	17 292 004,34	17 292 004,34
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	57 307 995,66	54 307 995,66
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	23,18 %	24,15 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 05/05/2021	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

In line with point 20 of the Inter-Institutional Agreement on the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework, amounts provided for in the budget for new fisheries agreements or for the renewal of fisheries agreements, which enter into force after 1 January of the financial year concerned, shall be included in reserve.

It is proposed to transfer an amount of EUR 17,3 million (in commitment and payment appropriations) from this reserve to the operational budget line 08 05 01 to cover the financial obligations for the year 2021 resulting from Protocols implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs).

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

08 05 01 - Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third-country waters

b) Figures at 05/05/2021

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	67 822 000,00	67 184 500,00
2 Transfers	0,00	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	67 822 000,00	67 184 500,00
4 Appropriations already used	8 520 250,34	9 783 475,34
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	59 301 749,66	57 401 024,66
6 Increase requested	17 292 004,34	17 292 004,34
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	76 593 754,00	74 693 029,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	25,50 %	25,74 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 05/05/2021	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The reinforcement of the operational line by EUR 17,3 million in commitment and in payment appropriations is needed to honour the 2021 financial obligations resulting from:

- the new Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA) and related Protocol signed on 22 April between the European Union and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark. The contribution of EUR 16 521 754 in commitment and payment appropriations will cover the access and sectoral support payment for Greenland;
- the SFPAs and Protocols signed between the European Union and Cape Verde, Mauritania and Seychelles.
 The contribution of EUR 770 250.34 in commitment and payment appropriations will cover additional catches related to the year 2019, as set out in the relevant SFPAs and Protocols.