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From:	Mr Johannes HAHN, Member of the European Commission
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To:	Ms Cláudia JOAQUIM, President of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 13/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 13/2021.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

BRUSSELS, 21/06/2021

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

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 13/2021**

FROM

CHAPTER - 3002 Reserves for operational expenditure

ARTICLE - 30 02 02 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments	-2 600 000,00
Payments	-2 600 000,00

TO

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

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

Commitments	2 600 000,00
Payments	2 600 000,00

I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

30 02 02 - Differentiated appropriations

b) Figures at 09/06/2021

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	74 600 000,00	71 600 000,00
2 Transfers	-17 292 004,34	-17 292 004,34
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	57 307 995,66	54 307 995,66
4 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	57 307 995,66	54 307 995,66
6 Decrease proposed	2 600 000,00	2 600 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	54 707 995,66	51 707 995,66
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	3,49 %	3,63 %
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 09/06/2021	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 2,6 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 the Protocol implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Gabon.

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 09/06/2021

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	67 822 000,00	67 184 500,00
2 Transfers	17 292 004,34	17 292 004,34
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	85 114 004,34	84 476 504,34
4 Appropriations already used	52 310 250,34	10 408 400,34
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	32 803 754,00	74 068 104,00
6 Increase requested	2 600 000,00	2 600 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	35 403 754,00	76 668 104,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	3,83 %	3,87 %
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 09/06/2021	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 2,6 million in commitment and in payment appropriations is needed to honour the 2021 financial obligations resulting from the new Implementing Protocol (2021-2026) to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Gabon. The contribution will cover the access and sectoral support payment for Gabon.

Following the Commission proposal of 19 May, the Council is expected to agree on the conclusion and provisional application of the Implementing Protocol by end of June. The first access payment is due within 60 days following the entering into force of the Implementing Protocol after signature of both parties, which is expected in the course of July.