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Subject: – Approval of transfer of appropriations No DEC 15/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021
= *End of written procedure*

Delegations are informed that the deadline for Member States to answer the question on recourse to the written procedure opened by CM 4311/21 of 26 July 2021 was completed on 28 July 2021 at 11:57 and that the required agreement of all Member States to use the written procedure, as set out in Article 12(1) of the Council's rules of procedure, to approve the transfer of appropriations No DEC 15/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021, as proposed by the Commission¹, has not been reached.

Therefore, the written procedure to approve the above-mentioned transfer cannot be used.

¹ Doc. 10422/21.

This implies that the Council will not take a decision to approve, amend or refuse the transfer proposal within the deadline set out in Article 31.6 of the Financial Regulation. Hence, and bearing in mind that the EP has already approved it, the transfer proposal will be deemed to be approved on 13 August 2021.

Statement by Finland

"The Council recalls that according to Article 5 paragraph 2 of the Own Resources Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 repayments of the principal of the funds financing the European Recovery Instrument (NGEU) shall start before the end of the MFF 2021-2027 period, with a minimum amount, insofar as amounts are not used for interest payments. In this regard, the Council invites the Commission to come up with a proposal ahead of the conciliation period on how to effectively implement the relevant provisions of the Own Resources Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053."

Statement by Sweden

"In line with the Council's position on the draft budget for 2022, the Council recalls that according to Article 5 paragraph 2 of the Own Resources Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 repayments of the principal of the funds financing the European Recovery Instrument (NGEU) shall start before the end of the MFF 2021-2027 period, with a minimum amount, insofar as amounts are not used for interest payments. In this regard, the Council invites the Commission to come up with a proposal ahead of the conciliation period on how to effectively implement the relevant provisions of the Own Resources Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053."