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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	11808/21
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 16/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021

1. On 14 September 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 16/2021.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 69.04 million in commitment appropriations from Items 14 20 03 01 (*Macro-financial assistance (MFA) grants*) and 15 02 02 02 (*Transition to the rules of the Union*), and a total amount of EUR 46 million in payment appropriations from Items 14 20 03 01 (*Macro-financial assistance (MFA) grants*) and 15 02 99 01 (*Completion of previous instruments for pre-accession assistance (prior to 2021)*) to Article 14 03 01 (*Humanitarian Aid*), as recorded in document 11808/21.

2. The aim of this transfer is to cater for the deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan triggered by the takeover of Kabul by the Taliban on 15 August 2021. The needs are significantly above what was planned for with the available resources of the Commission's Worldwide Decision for humanitarian aid in 2021 (EUR 32 million) and the consequent top up from the Solidarity and Emergency Aid reserve mobilised by transfer No DEC 12/2021 (EUR 25 million).
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 16 September 2021.
4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
 - the proposed transfer of appropriations, as set out in document 11808/21, and
 - the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council
to : President of the European Parliament
copy : President of the Commission

Sir,

In accordance with Article 31(6) of the Financial Regulation of 18 July 2018¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 16/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021.

(Complimentary close).

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).