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To:	Mr Kimmo TIILIKAINEN, President of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 24/2019 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2019

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 24/2019.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2019
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 03, 19, 20, 21, 22

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 24/2019

FROM

CHAPTER - 1901 Administrative expenditure of the `Foreign policy instruments`
policy area

ITEM - 19 01 03 02 Buildings and related expenditure -- Union delegations	Non-Diff	-10 095,00
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CHAPTER - 2001 Administrative expenditure of the `Trade` policy area

ITEM - 20 01 03 02 Buildings and related expenditure -- Union delegations	Non-Diff	-188 140,00
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CHAPTER - 2101 Administrative expenditure of the `International cooperation and
development` policy area

ITEM - 21 01 03 02 Buildings and related expenditure -- Union delegations	Non-Diff	-442 359,00
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CHAPTER - 2201 Administrative expenditure of the `Neighbourhood and
enlargement negotiations` policy area

ITEM - 22 01 03 02 Buildings and related expenditure -- Union delegations	Non-Diff	-129 404,00
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TO

CHAPTER - 0301 Administrative expenditure of the `Competition` policy area

ITEM - 03 01 02 11 Other management expenditure	Non-Diff	769 998,00
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I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

19 01 03 02 - Buildings and related expenditure -- Union delegations

b) Figures at 21/10/2019

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	374 734,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	374 734,00
4 Appropriations already used	358 345,45
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	16 388,55
6 Decrease proposed	10 095,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	6 293,55
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	2,69 %
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

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

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 21/10/2019	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

Actual implementation and requests introduced by the Delegations for buildings and related expenditure allow for a small redeployment within Heading 5 to cover additional needs for Directorate General Competition administrative expenditure.

I.2

a) Heading

20 01 03 02 - Buildings and related expenditure -- Union delegations

b) Figures at 21/10/2019

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	6 983 683,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	6 983 683,00
4 Appropriations already used	6 678 259,88
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	305 423,12
6 Decrease proposed	188 140,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	117 283,12
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	2,69 %
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

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

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 21/10/2019	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

Actual implementation and requests introduced by the Delegations for buildings and related expenditure allow for a small redeployment within Heading 5 to cover additional needs for Directorate General Competition administrative expenditure.

I.3

a) Heading

21 01 03 02 - Buildings and related expenditure -- Union delegations

b) Figures at 21/10/2019

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	16 420 172,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	16 420 172,00
4 Appropriations already used	15 702 055,17
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	718 116,83
6 Decrease proposed	442 359,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	275 757,83
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	2,69 %
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

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

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 21/10/2019	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

Actual implementation and requests introduced by the Delegations for buildings and related expenditure allow for a small redeployment within Heading 5 to cover additional needs for Directorate General Competition administrative expenditure.

I.4

a) Heading

22 01 03 02 - Buildings and related expenditure -- Union delegations

b) Figures at 21/10/2019

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	4 803 411,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	4 803 411,00
4 Appropriations already used	4 593 339,50
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	210 071,50
6 Decrease proposed	129 404,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	80 667,50
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	2,69 %
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

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

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 21/10/2019	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

Actual implementation and requests introduced by the Delegations for buildings and related expenditure allow for a small redeployment within Heading 5 to cover additional needs for Directorate General Competition administrative expenditure.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

03 01 02 11 - Other management expenditure

b) Figures at 21/10/2019

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	9 205 652,00
2 Transfers	1 555 931,52
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	10 761 583,52
4 Appropriations already used	9 105 656,21
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	1 655 927,31
6 Increase requested	769 998,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	2 425 925,31
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	8,36 %
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

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

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	98 904,99
2 Appropriations available on 21/10/2019	98 904,99
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	0,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The Commission is faced with a large demand for evaluations and impact assessments due to the revision process of State aid rules and the revision of Antitrust horizontal and vertical block exemption rules:

- A number of State aid rules will expire by the end of 2020, and in line with the policy of Better Regulation, these rules need to be evaluated. The process started in 2017 and the work is at its most intensive stage in 2019 and 2020;
- Similarly, a number of antitrust rules will expire by end of 2022 and 2023, and need to be evaluated in the context of Better Regulation. This process started in 2018 and has reached an intense stage in 2019.

These projects are a priority, and adequate and timely financing must be ensured.

Without additional appropriations, the Commission will have to postpone some data purchases that are crucial for core business in the field of competition. Key subscriptions, notably in relation to pharma cases might have to be cancelled.

An additional amount of EUR 0,8 million is needed to accommodate purchases of studies, evaluations and data before the end of 2019.