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| From: | Mr Günther OETTINGER, Member of the European Commission |
| date of receipt: | 29 October 2019 |
| To: | Mr Kimmo TIILIKAINEN, President of the Council of the European Union |
| Subject: | Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 25/2019 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2019 |

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 25/2019.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2019
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 11, 40

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 25/2019**

FROM

CHAPTER - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations

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| Commitments | -63 258 000,00 |
| Payments | -54 950 000,00 |

TO

CHAPTER - 1103 Compulsory contributions to Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and other International Organisations and Sustainable Fisheries Agreements

ARTICLE - 11 03 01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters

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|-------------|---------------|
| Commitments | 63 258 000,00 |
| Payments | 54 950 000,00 |

I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

40 02 41 - Differentiated appropriations

b) Figures at 18/10/2019

| | Commitments | Payments |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 757 529 650,00 | 326 288 650,00 |
| 2 Transfers | -626 747 650,00 | -124 634 136,00 |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2) | 130 782 000,00 | 201 654 514,00 |
| 4 Appropriations already used | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 5 Appropriations available (3-4) | 130 782 000,00 | 201 654 514,00 |
| 6 Decrease proposed | 63 258 000,00 | 54 950 000,00 |
| 7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6) | 67 524 000,00 | 146 704 514,00 |
| 8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1) | 8,35 % | 16,84 % |
| 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 18/10/2019 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1] | n/a | n/a |

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

In line with point 19 of the Inter-Institutional Agreement on the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework (2013/C 373/01), the available commitment (EUR 63,3 million) and payment appropriations (EUR 55 million) can be transferred from the reserve 40 02 41 to the operational budget line 11 03 01 to cover the needs resulting from legal obligations related to the implementation of the EU Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

11 03 01 - Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters

b) Figures at 18/10/2019

| | Commitments | Payments |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 25 441 978,00 | 27 884 978,00 |
| 2 Transfers | 53 848 808,59 | 53 900 000,00 |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2) | 79 290 786,59 | 81 784 978,00 |
| 4 Appropriations already used | 77 705 819,00 | 71 568 819,00 |
| 5 Appropriations available (3-4) | 1 584 967,59 | 10 216 159,00 |
| 6 Increase requested | 63 258 000,00 | 54 950 000,00 |
| 7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6) | 64 842 967,59 | 65 166 159,00 |
| 8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1) | 248,64 % | 197,06 % |
| 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 18/10/2019 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1] | n/a | n/a |

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The reinforcement is needed to honour the obligations resulting from the new Protocol implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA) between the EU and the Republic of Senegal (EUR 1,7 million in commitment appropriations) and the extension of the current Protocol, expiring on 15 November 2019, implementing the SFPA between the EU and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (EUR 61,6 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 55 million in payment appropriations).

The Commission has already proposed the signature of the new protocol with the Republic of Senegal on 17 October (COM(2019) 475) and the extension of the protocol with the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on 1 October (COM(2019) 448). The Council is expected to adopt these proposals before end of November allowing their signature and provisional application before the end of the year.