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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council |
| No. Cion doc.: | 13598/21 |
| Subject: | Transfer of appropriations No DEC 29/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021 |

1. On 9 November 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 29/2021, in accordance with Article 31(1) of the Financial Regulation¹.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer to Article 14 03 01 (*Humanitarian aid*) an amount of EUR 62 million in commitment appropriations from Item 14 02 01 30 (*Middle East and Central Asia*) and a total amount of EUR 80 million in payment appropriations from Articles 10 02 01 (*Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund*), 11 02 01 (*Instrument for financial support for border management and visa*) and 12 10 01 (*European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)*) and Item 10 02 99 01 (*Completion of previous actions in the areas of migration (prior to 2021)*), as recorded in document 13598/21.

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).

2. The aim of this transfer is to provide humanitarian aid to Afghanistan and its neighbouring countries, since humanitarian needs in Afghanistan are huge and expected to further increase in the coming weeks and months, adding to the already very dire situation following decades of conflict, drought and the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission intends to enlarge the scope of its response, including the provision of basic emergency services in relation to food, nutrition, health, education, protection and logistics, as well as better preparing the population for the winter.

Given the urgent circumstances, the three weeks period for approval shall apply, in accordance with Article 31(4) of the Financial Regulation.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 10 November 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 13598/21, 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 2018², I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 29/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021.

(Complimentary close).

² 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).