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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council position on draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget for 2021: Additional vaccines doses to low and lower-middle income countries, UCPM reinforcement and other adjustments to expenditure and revenue – <i>Adoption</i>

1. On 8 October 2021¹, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 6 to the general budget for 2021 concerning additional vaccines doses to low and lower-middle income countries, UCPM reinforcement and other adjustments to expenditure and revenue.

The objective of the proposal is to provide additional appropriations to speed up global vaccinations, cover activations under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and expenditure arising from external fisheries agreements, as well as some adjustments to expenditure and revenue.

¹ All language versions became available on 11 October 2021.

In particular, it covers the following elements:

- reinforcement of the Neighbourhood Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe² for an amount of EUR 450 million in commitment and in payment appropriations in the context of the COVID-19 global health response to donate 200 million COVID-19 vaccine doses to low and lower-middle income countries by the middle of next year;
- reinforcement of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM/rescEU)³ for an amount of EUR 57.8 million in commitment appropriations to provide additional funding to cover new emergencies including repatriation flights from Afghanistan, the response in Haiti following the recent earthquake and outstanding operations including forest fires whose costs exceed the existing availabilities until the end of the year;
- increase of the level of commitment appropriations on the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPA) budget line for an amount of EUR 3.5 million considering the updated budget needs following the conclusion of the negotiations on the new protocols with Cook Islands and Mauritania;
- adjustment of the budgetary nomenclature following specific Member States requests to transfer resources pursuant to Article 26 of the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)⁴;
- update of the revenue side of the budget to take account of the revised estimates of own resource based on non-recycled plastic packaging waste.

² Regulation (EU) 2021/947 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 June 2021 establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe, amending and repealing Decision No 466/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) 2017/1601 and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009 (OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p. 1).

³ Regulation (EU) 2021/836 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 159).

Overall, the net impact of this DAB on expenditure amounts to an increase of EUR 473.5 million in commitment appropriations. No additional payment appropriations are requested.

2. The Budget Committee examined DAB No 6/2021 at its meetings on 11 and 18 October, and on 4 and 10 November 2021.
3. On 15 November 2021, the Conciliation Committee, in the framework of the agreement on a joint text concerning the budget 2022, reached a political agreement on DAB No 6/2021, accepting the Commission's proposal⁵ without any changes.
4. In order to allow the Council to adopt a position on DAB No 6/2021 without delay, the Council has to decide, considering the urgency of the matter, to shorten, in accordance with Article 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure, the eight-week period laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union.
5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to advise the Council to:
 - adopt the Council's position on DAB No 6/2021 as set out in point 3,
 - instruct the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and to approve the draft letter in the Annex to that effect; and
 - have the Council Decision adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 6 of the European Union for the financial year 2021, as set out in document 13959/21, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
 - in view of the urgency of the matter, decide to derogate, on the basis of the second subparagraph of Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, from the eight-week period referred to in the first subparagraph of that Article.

⁵ Doc. 12597/21.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

I am forwarding under separate cover the Council's position on draft amending budget No 6 for the financial year 2021, adopted by the Council on 23 November 2021.

(Complimentary close).
