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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 22/2026 in Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2026

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2026
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 08, 30

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 22/2026**

FROM

CHAPTER - 30 02 Reserves for operational expenditure

ARTICLE - 30 02 02 Differentiated appropriations	Commitments	-757 400,00
	Payments	-257 400,00

TO

CHAPTER - 08 05 Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs) and Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs)

ARTICLE - 08 05 01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third-country waters	Commitments	757 400,00
	Payments	257 400,00

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Decrease

a) Heading

30 02 02 Differentiated appropriations

b) Figures at 19/10/2026

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	757 847 052,00	202 460 052,00
2 Appropriations in budget (carried over from previous years)	0,00	0,00
3 Transfers	-646 845 052,00	-116 275 052,00
4 Total appropriations for the year (1+2+3)	111 002 000,00	86 185 000,00
5 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
6 Appropriations available (4-5)	**111 002 000,00**	**86 185 000,00**
7 Decrease requested	**757 400,00**	**257 400,00**
8 Total appropriations up to year end (6-7)	**110 244 600,00**	**85 927 600,00**
9 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget [7/(1+2)]	0,10%	0,13%
10 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 19/10/2026	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	-	-

d) Detailed grounds for the Decrease

In line with point 20 of the Inter-Institutional Agreement on the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework, amounts provided for in the budget for new fisheries agreements or for the renewal of fisheries agreements, which enter into force after 1 January of the financial year concerned, shall be included in reserve.

It is proposed to transfer an amount of EUR 757 400 in commitment appropriations and EUR 257 400 in payment appropriations from this reserve to the operational budget line 08 05 01 to cover the financial obligations resulting from the new Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPA) and its implementing Protocol to be concluded with the Republic of Mauritius (2026-2030), as well as to cover additional catches as set out in the relevant SFPA and Implementing Protocol for the Republic of Madagascar.

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Increase

a) Heading

08 05 01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third-country waters

b) Figures at 19/10/2026

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	39 661 857,00	44 536 857,00
2 Appropriations in budget (carried over from previous years)	0,00	0,00
3 Transfers	5 825 077,53	2 750 000,00
4 Total appropriations for the year (1+2+3)	45 486 934,53	47 286 857,00
5 Appropriations already used	45 486 934,53	40 950 275,53
6 Appropriations available (4-5)	**0,00**	**6 336 581,47**
7 Increase requested	**757 400,00**	**257 400,00**
8 Total appropriations up to year end (6+7)	**757 400,00**	**6 593 981,47**
9 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget [7/(1+2)]	1,91%	0,58%
10 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 19/10/2026	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	-	-

d) Detailed grounds for the Increase

The reinforcement of the operational line by EUR 757 400 in commitment and EUR 257 400 in payment appropriations is necessary to honour the 2026 financial obligations resulting from the new Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement and its Implementing Protocol between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius (2026-2030), as well as to cover additional catches as set out in the relevant SFPA and Protocol for the Republic of Madagascar.

The previous four-year protocol with the Republic of Mauritius will expire on 20 December 2026. Based on the Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations, the Commission conducted negotiations and a new protocol was initialled on 4 September 2026. The new Protocol covers a period of four years from the date of signature and its provisional application.

Following the Commission proposal adopted on 13 October 2026, COM(2026) 544, the Council is expected to approve the signing and provisional application of the Protocol on 7 December 2026, with the signature also planned for December after the Council Decision is adopted. The annual financial contribution amounts to EUR 700 000. The first access payment of EUR 200 000 is due within 90 days following the entering into provisional application of the Protocol, while the first sectoral payment (EUR 500 000) is planned for 2027.

Additionally, EUR 57 400 is requested both in commitment and payment appropriations to finance additional catches in line with the relevant provisions of the Implementing Protocols concluded with the Republic of Madagascar.

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ANNEX

Transfers from the reserve for operational expenditure - Differentiated Appropriations on 19/10/2026

Transfer Ref	Submission date	Content	Commitment Appropriations (in EUR)	Payment Appropriations (in EUR)
		Voted budget (including AB)	**757,847,052.00**	**202,460,052.00**
		of which SFPAs	*114,190,000.00*	*85,890,000.00*
		Total already released	**646,845,052.00**	**116,275,052.00**
		of which SFPAs	*5,750,000.00*	*2,750,000.00*
		Total available for release	**111,002,000.00**	**86,185,000.00**
		of which SFPAs	*108,440,000.00*	*83,140,000.00*
DEC 22/2026	*[30-10-2026]*	Mobilisation SFPA for the Republic of Mauritius	**757,400.00**	**257,400.00**
		Remainder	**110,244,600.00**	**85,927,600.00**
		of which SFPAs(*)	*107,682,600.00*	*82,882,600.00*

(*) Under Draft Amending Budget No 3/2026 (DAB 3/2026), EUR 107 682 600 in commitment appropriations and EUR 82 882 600 in payment appropriations are proposed for cancellation from the SFPA reserve under budget line 30 02 02.

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