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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

BRUSSELS, 26/08/2025

GENERAL BUDGET - 2025
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 08, 30

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 13/2025**

FROM

CHAPTER - 3002 Reserves for operational expenditure

ARTICLE - 30 02 02 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments	-825 000,00
Payments	-325 000,00

TO

CHAPTER - 0805 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	825 000,00
Payments	325 000,00

I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

30 02 02 - Differentiated appropriations

b) Figures at 14/07/2025

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	163 415 723,00	144 741 723,00
2 Transfers	-18 036 857,00	-18 036 857,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	145 378 866,00	126 704 866,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	145 378 866,00	126 704 866,00
6 Decrease proposed	825 000,00	325 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	144 553 866,00	126 379 866,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	0,50 %	0,22 %
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 14/07/2025	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

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 825 000 in commitment and EUR 325 000 in payment appropriations from the reserve line to the main operational line, specifically to cover the financial obligations resulting from the Protocols implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPA) to be concluded with the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe (2025-2029).

II. INCREASE

II.1

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 14/07/2025

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	90 590 000,00	93 655 000,00
2 Transfers	18 036 857,00	18 036 857,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	108 626 857,00	111 691 857,00
4 Appropriations already used	28 980 000,00	22 261 857,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	79 646 857,00	89 430 000,00
6 Increase requested	825 000,00	325 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	80 471 857,00	89 755 000,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	0,91 %	0,35 %
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 14/07/2025	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The transfer of EUR 825 000 commitment appropriations and EUR 325 000 payment appropriations is necessary to meet the 2025 financial obligations resulting from the new Implementing Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe (2025-2029).

The previous five-year protocol with the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe expired on 18 December 2024. Based on the Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations, the Commission conducted negotiations, and a new protocol was initialled on 9 April 2025. The new Protocol covers a period of four years from the date of signature and its provisional application.

Following the Commission proposal COM(2025) 369 of 9 July 2025, the Council is expected to agree on the signing and provisional application of the Protocol in September 2025, with the signature planned by beginning of October. The first access payment (EUR 325 000) 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 2026.

ANNEX

Transfers from the reserves for operational expenditure - Differentiated Appropriations on 14/07/2025

Transfer Ref	Submission date	Content	Commitment Appropriations (in EUR)	Payment Appropriations (in EUR)
		Voted budget	163 415 723,00	144 741 723,00
		<i>of which SFPAs</i>	<i>59 970 000,00</i>	<i>41 620 000,00</i>
		Total already released	18 036 857,00	18 036 857,00
		<i>of which SFPAs</i>	<i>18 036 857,00</i>	<i>18 036 857,00</i>
		Total available for release	145 378 866,00	126 704 866,00
		<i>of which SFPAs</i>	<i>41 933 143,00</i>	<i>23 583 143,00</i>
DEC 13/2025	[26-08-2025]	Mobilisation SFPA for the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe	825 000,00	325 000,00
		Remainder	144 553 866,00	126 379 866,00
		<i>of which SFPAs</i>	<i>41 108 143,00</i>	<i>23 258 143,00</i>