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from : Budget Committee

to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. Cion prop. : 8844/12 FIN 272 SOC 285 - COM(2012) 160 final
8845/12 FIN 273

Subject : - Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (EGF/2012/000 TA 2012 - Technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission)

- Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC03/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012

1. The Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), as recorded in document 8844/12 FIN 272 SOC 285, accompanied by the corresponding proposal for a transfer of appropriations No DEC03/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012, as recorded in document 8845/12 FIN 273.

2. The proposal aims at mobilising an amount of EUR 1 120 000, at the initiative of the Commission, to cover technical assistance related to the EGF, in accordance with Article 8(1) of Regulation (EC) 1927/2006. The objective of the technical assistance is to finance activities related to monitoring, communication and information exchange, and to conduct a final evaluation of the EGF.

The purpose of the proposed transfer is to move an amount of EUR 1 120 000 in commitment appropriations from Article 40 02 43 (*Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund*) and in payment appropriation from Article 04 05 01 (*European Globalisation Adjustment Fund*) to item 04 01 04 14 (*EGF - Expenditure on administrative management*).

3. At the simplified trilogue procedure provided for in Point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, an agreement was reached on the mobilisation of the EGF to cover the technical assistance for a new amount of EUR 730 000, to be transferred in commitment and payment appropriations.
4. The Budget Committee examined both proposals at its meetings on 23 April, 3 May and 10 May 2012.
5. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to:
 - adopt the Decision on the mobilisation of the EGF for an amount of EUR 730 000;
 - approve the transfer of appropriations for the same amount;
 - approve the annexed draft letter to the European Parliament and to the Commission 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 Point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 and with Article 12(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund¹, the Council has approved the Decision on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF/2012/000 TA 2012 - Technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission) for an amount of EUR 730 000.

In accordance with Article 24(4) of the Financial Regulation of 25 June 2002² as interpreted in point 20 of the joint declaration on transitional measures applicable to the budgetary procedure after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, I inform you that the Council, for its part, has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC03/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012, accompanying the abovementioned Decision for the same amount.

(Complimentary close).

¹ As amended by Regulation (EC) No 546/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009.

² As last amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1081/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010.