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from : Budget Committee

to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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No. Cion prop. : 7289/13 FIN 121 SOC 159 - COM(2013) 119 final  
7290/13 FIN 122

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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 (application EGF/2011/010 AT/Austria Tabak from Austria)

- Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC04/2013 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2013

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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 7289/13 FIN 121 SOC 159, accompanied by the corresponding proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC04/2013, as recorded in document 7290/13 FIN 122.

2. The proposal aims at mobilising an amount of EUR 3 941 999 under the EGF to meet an application from Austria to deploy the Fund in connection with redundancies in Austria Tabak GmbH and its 14 suppliers. The Austrian cigarette and tobacco manufacturing industry suffered seriously from a significant reduction of the EU market share and from a delocalisation of production to third countries in the context of major structural changes in the world trade patterns.

The purpose of the proposed transfer is to move an amount of EUR 3 941 999 in commitment appropriations from Article 40 02 43 (*Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund*) to Article 04 05 01 (*European Globalisation Adjustment Fund*).

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 and on the amount proposed by the Commission.
4. The Budget Committee examined both proposals at its meeting on 26 March 2013.
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 proposed Decision on the mobilisation of the EGF;
  - approve the proposed transfer of appropriations;
  - approve 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 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 Fund<sup>1</sup>, the Council has approved the Decision on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application EGF/2011/010 AT/Austria Tabak from Austria), as presented by the Commission on 7 March 2013 (COM(2013) 119 final).

In accordance with Article 27 of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012<sup>2</sup>, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 04/2013 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2013, accompanying the abovementioned Decision.

(Complimentary close).

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

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002.