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From:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument

1. On 25 July 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument.

The purpose of this proposal is to complement the financing in the Union budget for 2013, beyond the ceiling of sub-heading 1b (*Cohesion for growth and employment*), of EUR 134 049 037 towards the financing of the European Social Fund to increase the allocations to France, Italy and Spain for the year 2013.

2. On 25 September 2013, the Permanent Representatives Committee reached an agreement, by a qualified majority¹, on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument as proposed by the Commission.

¹ SE and UK abstaining, and NL voting against.

3. The Council is invited to adopt the text of the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument, according to the fifth paragraph of Point 27 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, as set out in document 12770/13.
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