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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	13752/13 FIN 536 SOC 696 - COM(2013) 635 final 13753/13 FIN 537
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/2013/004 ES/Comunidad Valenciana building materials from Spain) Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 27/2013 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2013

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 13752/13 FIN 536 SOC 696, accompanied by the corresponding proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 27/2013, as recorded in document 13753/13 FIN 537.

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2. The proposal aims at mobilising an amount of EUR 840 000 under the EGF to meet an application from Spain to deploy the Fund in connection with redundancies in 140 enterprises operating in the sector of other non-metallic products. This part of the construction sector seriously suffered from a strong competition from Asian producers, and in particular from China, leading to a loss of market shares in the context of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation.

The purpose of the proposed transfer is to move an amount of EUR 840 000 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 <u>Budget Committee</u> examined both proposals at its meeting on 23 September 2013.
- 5. Following that examination, the <u>Budget Committee</u> 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.

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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 ¹, the Council has approved the Decision on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application EGF/2013/004 ES/Comunidad Valenciana building materials from Spain) as presented by the Commission on 16 September 2013 (COM(2013) 635 final).

In accordance with Article 27(4) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012², I inform you that the Council, for its part, has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 27/2013 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2013, accompanying the abovementioned Decision.

(Complimentary close).

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

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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.