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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : Budget Committee

to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. Cion prop. : 6554/12 FIN 100 SOC 124 - COM(2012) 53 final
6555/12 FIN 101

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/2011/006 ES/Comunidad Valenciana Construction of buildings from Spain)

- Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC02/2012 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 6554/12 FIN 100 SOC 124, accompanied by the corresponding proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC02/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012, as recorded in document 6555/12 FIN 101.
2. The proposal aims at mobilising an amount of EUR 1 642 030 under the EGF to meet an application from Spain to deploy the Fund in connection with redundancies in the construction sector, where the demand for new houses has dropped significantly, due to a reduction of loans to the sector and to individuals, as a consequence of the global financial and economic crisis.

The purpose of the proposed transfer of appropriations is to move an amount of EUR 1 642 030 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 23 February 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, as set out in document 6554/12;
 - approve the proposed transfer of appropriations, as set out in document 6555/12;
 - 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 (application EGF/2011/006 ES/Comunidad Valenciana Construction of buildings from Spain) as presented by the Commission on 16 February 2012 (COM(2012) 53 final).

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 DEC02/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012, accompanying the abovementioned Decision.

(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.