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from : Budget Committee

to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. Cion prop. : 13174/12 FIN 606 SOC 692 - COM(2012) 450 final
13266/12 FIN 614

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/2011/021 NL/Zalco from the Netherlands)

- Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 16/2012 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 13174/12 FIN 606 SOC 692, accompanied by the corresponding proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC16/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012, as recorded in document 13266/12 FIN 614.

2. The proposal aims at mobilising an amount of EUR 1 494 008 under the EGF to meet an application from the Netherlands to deploy the Fund in connection with redundancies in the aluminium sector. This sector has been severely affected by a sudden drop in consumer demand and, subsequently, by an important slow-down of aluminium production, as a consequence of the global financial and economic crisis.

The purpose of the proposed transfer of appropriations is to move this amount 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 18 September 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 13174/12;
 - approve the proposed transfer of appropriations, as set out in document 13266/12;
 - 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/2011/021 NL/Zalco from the Netherlands) as presented by the Commission on 10 August 2012 (COM(2012) 450 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 DEC 16/2012 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.