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from: General Secretariat of the Council

to: Council

No. Cion prop.: 13963/12 FIN 675 - COM (2012) 538 final

Subject: Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund

1. On 19 September 2012, the Commission forwarded to the Council a proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund, for an amount of EUR 670 192 359 in commitment and payment appropriations.

The objective of this proposal is to provide financial assistance to Italy in response to the series of earthquakes that hit the region of Emilia-Romagna in May 2012.

2. The Ecofin Council reached political agreement on 13 November 2012, by a qualified majority, to approve the proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund.
3. The Council is invited to adopt the Decision on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund, as set out in document 13963/12 FIN 675.