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From: Budget Committee

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: – Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application from Belgium - EGF/2015/012 BE/Hainaut Machinery)

– Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 08/2016 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2016

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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 8694/16 FIN 289 SOC 228, accompanied by the corresponding proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 08/2016, as recorded in document 8697/16 FIN 291.

2. The proposal aims at mobilising an amount of EUR 1 824 041 under the EGF to meet an application from Belgium to deploy the Fund in connection with 488 redundancies in three enterprises operating in the manufacture of machinery and equipment sector. The redundancies are the result of a continuation of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation<sup>1</sup>.

The purpose of the proposed transfer is to move an amount of EUR 1 824 041 in commitment appropriations from Article 40 02 43 (*Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund*) to Article 04 04 01 (*EGF- to support workers and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased as a result of the globalisation*).

3. The Budget Committee examined both proposals at its meeting on 26 May 2016.
4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to:
  - adopt the draft Decision on the mobilisation of the EGF as set out in ANNEX 1;
  - approve the proposed transfer of appropriations;
  - approve the draft letter in ANNEX 2 to that effect.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 167, 29.6.2009, p. 26.

**DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application from  
Belgium - EGF/2015/012 BE/Hainaut Machinery)**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 15(4) thereof,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management<sup>2</sup>, and in particular point 13 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) aims to provide support for workers made redundant and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, as a result of a continuation of the global financial and economic crisis, or as a result of a new global financial and economic crisis, and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

- (2) The EGF is not to exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 150 million (2011 prices), as laid down in Article 12 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013<sup>3</sup>.
- (3) On 17 December 2015 Belgium submitted application EGF/2015/012 BE/Hainaut Machinery for a financial contribution from the EGF, following redundancies in the economic sector classified under the NACE Revision 2 Division 28 (Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c) in the NUTS level 2 region of Hainaut (BE32) in Belgium. It was supplemented by additional information provided in accordance with Article 8(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013. That application complies with the requirements for determining a financial contribution from the EGF laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013.
- (4) In accordance with Article 6(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013, Belgium has decided to provide personalised services co-financed by the EGF also to 300 young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs).
- (5) In accordance with Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013, the application from Belgium is considered admissible since the redundancies have a serious impact on employment and the local, regional and national economy.
- (6) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution of EUR 1 824 041 in respect of the application submitted by Belgium.
- (7) In order to minimise the time taken to mobilise the EGF, this decision should apply from the date of its adoption,

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<sup>3</sup> Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884).

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 1 824 041 in commitment and payment appropriations.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. It shall apply from ... [*the date of its adoption*]\*.

Done at

*For the European Parliament*

*For the Council*

*The President*

*The President*

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\* Date to be inserted by the Parliament before the publication in OJ.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council  
to : President of the European Parliament  
copy : President of the Commission

Sir,

In accordance with Point 13 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 and with Article 15(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006<sup>1</sup>, the Council has approved the Decision on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application from Belgium – EGF/2015/012 BE/Hainaut Machinery)

In accordance with Article 27(4) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012<sup>2</sup>, I inform you that the Council, for its part, has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 08/2016 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2016, accompanying the abovementioned Decision. (Complimentary close).

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

<sup>2</sup> 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).