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

1. On 30 June 2016, the Commission submitted 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 a total amount of EUR 50 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

The purpose of this proposal is to allow the timely payment of advances in case of natural disasters in Member States or in a country involved in accession negotiations with the European Union.

2. During the Conciliation Committee meeting on 16/17 November 2016, the European Parliament and the Council reached a political agreement on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for that purpose for an amount of EUR 50 million in commitment and payment appropriations in the framework of the joint text concerning the 2017 budget.

3. The Council is invited to confirm the agreement reached on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund and to consequently adopt the text of the Decision, according to the first paragraph of Point 11 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013¹, as recorded in document 10763/16 FIN 410.
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¹ 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 (OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1).