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- Draft statement of the Commission

Delegations will hereby find the above-mentioned draft statement.

Statement of the Commission on reinforcing the Youth Employment Initiative and additional measures to help tackling the migration crisis and security issues

Should the downwards trend in youth unemployment observed since 2013 reverse again, consideration should be given to increase the funding for the Youth Employment Initiative beyond the amount of EUR 1.2 billion agreed in the framework of the mid-term review/revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) 2014-2020 by using margins available under the Global Margin for Commitments in accordance with Article 14 of the MFF Regulation. For that purpose, the Commission will report regularly on the observed statistical trends and submit a Draft Amending Budget if appropriate.

Without prejudice to the above, additional margins available should be considered, as a matter of priority, for investing in young people across Europe and for measures helping to address the internal and external dimension of the migration crisis and security issues should new needs arise which are not covered by the existing or agreed funding. The Commission will make proposals to that end if appropriate while keeping in mind the need to maintain sufficient margins for unexpected events and the smooth implementation of already agreed programmes.
