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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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 EU Solidarity Fund

1. On 12 June 2014, 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 a total amount of EUR 50.00 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

The objective 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. At the trilogue on 8 December 2014, the European Parliament and the Council reached an *ad referendum* agreement on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund in the context of the draft package comprising the new draft budget for 2015, the outstanding draft amending budgets relating to 2014 and draft statements.
 3. On 9 December 2014, the Permanent Representative Committee reached a political agreement on the above mentioned package.
 4. Therefore, the Permanent Representative Committee is invited to advise the Council to confirm the agreement reached on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund and to consequently adopt the text of the Decision as set out in the Annex.
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DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund

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 Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund¹, and in particular Article 4a(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 management², and in particular point 11 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Union has created a European Union Solidarity Fund (the "Fund") to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by disasters.
- (2) Article 10 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013³ allows the mobilisation of the Fund within the annual ceiling of EUR 500 million (2011 prices).

¹ OJ L 311 14.11.2002, p. 3.

² OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

³ 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).

- (3) Article 4a(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 foresees that the Fund may be mobilised in an amount up to a maximum of EUR 50 000 000 for the payment of advances, and the corresponding appropriations entered into the general budget of the Union.

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015, the European Union Solidarity Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 50 000 000 in commitment and payment appropriations for the payment of advances.

Article 2

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at [...],

*For the European Parliament
The President*

*For the Council
The President*