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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 in accordance with Point 13 of 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 (application EGF/2014/011 BE/Caterpillar)

- Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 03/2015 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2015

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 5532/15 FIN 62 SOC 28, accompanied by the corresponding proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 03/2015, as recorded in document 5533/15 FIN 63.

2. The proposal aims at mobilising an amount of EUR 1 222 854 under the EGF to meet an application from Belgium to deploy the Fund in connection with 1030 redundancies in one enterprise operating in the manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. sector. The redundancies are the result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation.

The purpose of the proposed transfer is to move an amount of EUR 1 222 854 in commitment appropriations from Article 40 02 43 (*Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund*) to Article 04 04 01 (*European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)*).

3. The Budget Committee examined both proposals at its meeting on 29 January 2015.
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.

DRAFT DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of [...]

on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application EGF/2014/011 BE/Caterpillar, from Belgium)

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 1927/2006¹, 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 management², and in particular point 13 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) was established 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 addressed in Regulation (EC) No 546/2009³, or as a result of a new global financial and economic crisis and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

² OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

³ Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 on establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (OJ L 167, 9.6.2009, p.26).

- (2) Article 12 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013¹ allows the mobilisation of the EGF within a maximum annual amount of EUR 150 million (2011 prices).
- (3) Belgium submitted an application to mobilise the EGF, in respect of redundancies in Caterpillar Belgium S.A. in Belgium, on 22 July 2014 and supplemented it by additional information as provided by Article 8(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013. This application complies with the requirements for determining a financial contribution from the EGF as laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013.
- (4) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution of an amount of EUR 1 222 854 for the application submitted by Belgium,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 1 222 854 in commitment and payment appropriations.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President

¹ 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).

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 1927/2006¹, the Council has approved the Decision on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application EGF/2014/011 BE/Caterpillar).

In accordance with Article 27(4) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012², I inform you that the Council, for its part, has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 03/2015 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2015, accompanying the abovementioned Decision.

(Complimentary close).

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

² 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, as amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 547/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 (OJ L 163, 29.5.2014, p. 18).