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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/2013/007 BE/Hainault steel (Duferco-NLMK) from Belgium)

- Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 02/2015 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 5529/15 FIN 60 SOC 27, accompanied by the corresponding proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 02/2015, as recorded in document 5531/15 FIN 61.

2. The proposal aims at mobilising an amount of EUR 981 956 under the EGF to meet an application from Belgium to deploy the Fund in connection with 708 redundancies in two enterprises operating in the manufacture of basic metals sector. The redundancies were caused by major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation which have led to a substantial loss of the EU market share in world markets.

The purpose of the proposed transfer is to move an amount of EUR 981 956 in commitment appropriations from Article 40 02 43 (*Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund*) to Article 04 04 51 (*Completion of European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EFG) (2007 to 2013)*).

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, 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/2013/007 BE/Hainault steel (Duferco-NLMK) 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 (EC) No 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund¹, and in particular Article 12(3) 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,

¹ OJ L 406, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

² OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

Whereas:

- (1) The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) was established to provide additional support for workers made redundant as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.
- (2) The EGF shall not exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 150 million (2011 prices), as laid down in Article 12 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020¹.
- (3) Belgium submitted an application to mobilise the EGF, in respect of redundancies in the enterprises Duferco Belgium SA and NLMK La Louvière SA, on 27 September 2013 and supplemented it by additional information up to 4 July 2014. This application complies with the requirements for determining the financial contributions as laid down in Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006. The Commission, therefore, proposes to mobilise an amount of EUR 981 956.
- (4) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution for the application submitted by Belgium,

¹ 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 2015, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 981 956 in commitment and payment appropriations.

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*

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 12(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 of 20 December 2006¹, the Council has approved the Decision on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application EGF/2013/007 BE/Hainault steel (Duferco-NLMK) from Belgium).

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 02/2015 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2015, accompanying the abovementioned Decision.

(Complimentary close).

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (OJ L 406, 30.12.2006, p. 1).

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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).