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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 EU Solidarity Fund (Floods in Romania, Bulgaria and Italy)

1. On 15 April 2015, 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 66 505 850 in commitment and payment appropriations.

The objective of this proposal is to provide financial assistance to Romania, Bulgaria and Italy in response to flooding disasters that occurred between April and November 2014.

2. The Budget Committee examined the proposal at its meeting on 21 May 2015 and was able to approve it.
3. The Permanent Representative Committee is invited to advise the Council to adopt the text of the Decision on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund, as set out in the Annex.

Proposal for a

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund (floods in Romania, Bulgaria and Italy)

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 4(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 11 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Union Solidarity Fund (the "Fund") aims to enable the Union to respond in a rapid, efficient and flexible manner to emergency situations and to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by disasters.
- (2) The Fund is not to exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 500 million (2011 prices), as laid down in Article 10 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013³.

¹ OJ L 311 of 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) Romania has submitted two applications to mobilise the Fund, concerning floods.
- (4) Bulgaria has submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, concerning floods.
- (5) Italy has submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, concerning floods.
- (6) The Fund should therefore be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution of EUR 66 505 850 in respect of the applications submitted by Romania, Bulgaria and Italy.
- (6) In order to minimise the time taken to mobilise the Fund, this decision should apply from the date of its adoption,

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 66 505 850 in commitment and payment appropriations.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*. It shall apply from [date of its adoption to be inserted by the Parliament before the publication in OJ].

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament

The President

For the Council

The President