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# Council agrees additional funds for 2013 budget

The Permanent Representatives Committee[1] today agreed the Council's position on a package of three draft amending budgets for 2013, on the basis of a proposal from the Lithuanian presidency.

By approving its position on the package the Council's objective is to

1. meet outstanding payment needs in the 2013 EU budget;

2. show solidarity with Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic, hit by extreme flooding in May and June this year, and with Romania which suffered from drought and forest fires in summer 2012;

3. revise the forecast of this year's budget revenue (the so-called own resources).

The Council still needs to formally adopt its position. The draft amending budgets then need the approval of the European Parliament.

1 The Permanent Representatives Committee is composed of the ambassadors of the 28 EU member states. Its role is to prepare decisions of the Council.

The package agreed today consists of the following elements:

On the expenditure side

- **Draft amending budget no 8**: the Permanent Representatives Committee approved an increase of the 2013 EU budget by EUR 3.9 billion in order to cover outstanding payment needs. This amount complements the EUR 7.3 billion of draft amending budget no 2 approved by the Council on 9 July. The Council's position on this draft amending budget is subject to the European Parliament's consent to the regulation setting out the EU's multiannual financial framework for 2014-2020.

- **Draft amending budget no 9**: the Permanent Representatives Committee approved the mobilisation of EUR 400.5 million in commitments and payments out of the EU solidarity fund to the benefit of Germany (EUR 360.5 million), Austria (EUR 21.7 million), Czech Republic (EUR 15.9 million) and Romania (EUR 2.5 million). The payments are covered by redeployments identified by the Commission in the so-called global transfer.

On the revenue side

- **Draft amending budget no 6**: the Permanent Representatives Committee approved the revision of the forecast of own resources. As compared to the previous forecast, the financing from net customs duties and from the own resources based on the value added tax decreases (- EUR 4.0 billion and - EUR 383.8 million respectively) while the financing from the own resources based on the Gross National Income and from fines increases (EUR 3.1 billion and EUR 1.2 billion respectively).