

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From: **Budget Committee** To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council No. Cion doc.: 15091/13 FIN 662 SOC 853 - COM(2013)703 final 15082/13 FIN 657 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 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2013/011 DK/Vestas from Denmark) - Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 28/2013 within Section III -Commission - of the general budget for 2013

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 15091/13 FIN 662 SOC 853, accompanied by the corresponding proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 28/2013, as recorded in document 15082/13 FIN 657.

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2. The proposal aims at mobilising an amount of EUR 6 364 643 under the EGF to meet an application from Denmark to deploy the Fund in connection with 611 redundancies in Vestas Group operating in the sector of wind turbines. Important loss of the European market shares and delocalisation of production due to a strong competition from Asian producers, and in particular from China, force the company to reduce its investments and its staff in Europe in the context of major structural changes in the world trade patterns due to globalisation.

The purpose of the proposed transfer is to move an amount of EUR 6 364 643 in commitment appropriations from Article 40 02 43 (*Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund*) to Article 04 05 01 (*European Globalisation Adjustment Fund*).

- 3. At the simplified trilogue procedure provided for in Point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, an agreement was reached on the mobilisation of the EGF and on the amount proposed by the Commission.
- 4. The <u>Budget Committee</u> examined both proposals at its meeting on 29 October 2013.
- 5. Following that examination, the <u>Budget Committee</u> agreed, by a qualified majority to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to:
 - adopt the proposed Decision on the mobilisation of the EGF;
 - approve the proposed transfer of appropriations;
 - approve the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect.

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from: President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

copy: President of the Commission

Sir.

In accordance with Point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 and with Article 12(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund¹, the Council has approved the Decision on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application EGF/2013/011 DK/Vestas from Denmark) as presented by the Commission on 16 October 2013 (COM(2013) 703 final).

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 28/2013 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2013, accompanying the above mentioned Decision.

(Complimentary close).

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As amended by Regulation (EC) No 546/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009.

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.