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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 (EGF/2016/000 TA 2016 - Technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission)

– Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 03/2016 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2016

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 6408/16 FIN 121 SOC 91, accompanied by the corresponding proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 03/2016, as recorded in document 6409/16 FIN 122.

2. The proposal aims at mobilising an amount of EUR 380 000, at the initiative of the Commission, to cover technical assistance related to the EGF, in accordance with Article 11 of the EGF Regulation of 17 December 2013¹. The objective of the technical assistance is to finance activities related to monitoring, information exchange, creation of a knowledge base, administrative and technical support, and conducting an evaluation of the EGF.

The purpose of the proposed transfer is to move an amount of EUR 380 000 in commitment appropriations from Article 40 02 43 (*Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund*) and in payment appropriations from Article 04 04 01 (*EGF-to support workers and self-employed persons whose activity has eased as a result of the globalisation*) to Item 04 01 04 04 (*Support expenditure for European Globalisation Adjustment Fund*).

3. The Budget Committee examined both proposals at its meeting on 1 March 2016.
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.

¹ 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 1927/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855).

Proposal for a

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

**on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF/2016/000 TA 2016
- Technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission)**

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) 1927/2006¹, and in particular Article 11(2) 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) aims to provide support for workers made redundant and self-employed persons whose activities have 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, or as a result of a new global financial and economic crisis, and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.
- (2) The EGF is not to exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 150 million (2011 prices), as laid down in Article 12 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013³.

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

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) Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 provides that a maximum of 0.5 % of the annual maximum amount of the EGF may be used each year for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.
- (4) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide the sum of EUR 380 000 for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 380 000 in commitment and payment appropriations.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication 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 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/2016/000 TA 2016 - Technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission).

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 03/2016 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2016, 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).