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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 following an application from Spain - EGF/2017/006 ES/Galicia apparel

– Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 02/2018 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2018

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 5319/18, accompanied by the corresponding proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 02/2018, as recorded in document 5320/18.

2. The proposal aims at mobilising an amount of EUR 720 000 under the EGF to meet an application from Spain to deploy the Fund in connection with 303 redundancies in five enterprises operating in the manufacture of wearing apparel sector. The redundancies are the result of a continuation of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation¹.

The purpose of the proposed transfer is to move an amount of EUR 720 000 in commitment appropriations from Article 40 02 43 (*Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund*) to Article 04 04 01 (*EGF- to support workers and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased as a result of globalisation*).

3. The Budget Committee examined both proposals at its meeting on 30 January 2018.
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 OJ L 167, 29.6.2009, p. 26.

Proposal for a

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

**on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund following an application
from Spain – EGF/2017/006 ES/Galicia apparel**

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) No 1927/2006¹, and in particular Article 15(4) 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 activity has 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.

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

² OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

- (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 1311/2013¹.
- (3) On 19 July 2017 Spain submitted an application to mobilise the EGF, in respect of redundancies in 5 enterprises operating in the manufacture of wearing apparel sector in the region of Galicia in Spain. It was supplemented by additional information provided in accordance with Article 8(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013. That application complies with the requirements for determining a financial contribution from the EGF as laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013.
- (4) In accordance with Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013, the application from Spain is considered admissible since the redundancies have a serious impact on employment and the local economy.
- (5) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution of EUR 720 000 in respect of the application submitted by Spain.
- (6) In order to minimise the time taken to mobilise the EGF, this decision should apply from the date of its adoption,

¹ 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).

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2018, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the amount of EUR 720 000 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 [*the date of its adoption*]*.

Done at [...],

For the European Parliament

For the Council

The President

The President

* Date to be inserted by the Parliament before the publication in OJ.

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 following an application from Spain – EGF/2017/006 ES/Galicia apparel).

In accordance with Article 27(4) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012², I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 02/2018 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2018, 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).