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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	6496/18 (COM(2018) 150 final)
Subject:	Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Greece, Spain, France and Portugal – <i>Adoption</i>

1. On 22 February 2018, 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 104 166 951 in commitment and payment appropriations.

The objective of this proposal is to provide financial assistance to Greece in response to earthquakes that affected the island of Lesbos in June 2017, to Spain following forest fires that occurred in Galicia in October 2017, to France further to the hurricanes Irma and Maria that struck Saint Martin and Guadeloupe in September 2017 and to Portugal in response to forest fires that occurred in the Centro region between June and October 2017.

2. The Budget Committee examined the proposal at its meeting on 6 March and was able to approve it.
 3. The Permanent Representatives 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 document 6496/18.
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