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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision EU 2017/344 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016 on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2017

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1. In the framework of the adoption of the general budget of the Union for 2017, and in order to address the needs stemming from the migration, refugee and security crises, the European Parliament and the Council decided to mobilise the Contingency Margin in 2017<sup>1</sup> to allow financing above the commitment ceilings for headings 3 (*Security and citizenship*) and 4 (*Global Europe*) of the multiannual financial framework.
2. During the Conciliation Committee on 17/18 November 2017, the European Parliament and the Council reached a political agreement on the joint text concerning the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018, including an amendment to the above mentioned Decision on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2017, by decreasing the amount offset in heading 5 in 2018 and introducing a corresponding offset in heading 5 in 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision (EU) 2017/344 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016 on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2017 (OJ L 50, 28.2.2017, p. 57).

3. On 23 November 2017, the Commission submitted a proposal to amend the Decision on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2017 accordingly.
  4. The Council is invited to confirm the agreement reached on the amendment of Decision (EU) 2017/344 on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2017 and to adopt the text of the Decision, as set out in the Annex.
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**DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**amending Decision EU 2017/344 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016 on the mobilisation of the Contingency margin in 2017**

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 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 management<sup>1</sup>, and in particular point 14, second subparagraph, thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 13 of Council Regulation 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020<sup>2</sup> has established a Contingency Margin of up to 0,03 % of the Gross National Income of the Union.
- (2) In accordance with Article 6 of this Regulation, the Commission had calculated the absolute amount of this Contingency Margin for 2017<sup>3</sup>.
- (3) The European Parliament and the Council mobilised the Contingency Margin in 2017 to allow financing above the commitment ceilings of EUR 1 906 150 960, of which EUR 1 176 030 960 for heading 3 (*Security and citizenship*).
- (4) The 2018 budget requires an increase in the flexibility and therefore the offsetting of the contingency margin mobilised in 2017 is adjusted to decrease the amount offset in heading 5 in 2018 and to introduce a corresponding offset in heading 5 in 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.

<sup>3</sup> Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament of 30 June 2016 on the technical adjustment of the financial framework for 2017 in line with movements in GNI (COM(2016) 311).

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Article 2 of Decision (EU) 2017/344 of the EP and of the Council of 14 December 2016 on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2017 is amended as follows:

- (a) in the introductory sentence "2019" is replaced by "2020";
- (b) point (b) is replaced by the following:
  - "(b) 2018: heading 5 (Administration): EUR 318 000 000;"
- (c) the following point (d) is added:
  - "(d) 2020: heading 5 (Administration): EUR 252 000 000."

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels,

*For the European Parliament  
The President*

*For the Council  
The President*

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