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Subject: Adoption of:

- Council's position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019
 - Council's position on draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for 2018 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Bulgaria, Greece, Lithuania and Poland
 - Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Bulgaria, Greece, Lithuania and Poland
- *Initiation of written procedure*
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On 11 July 2018, the Permanent Representatives Committee reached an agreement on the draft budget for 2019, on draft amending budget (DAB) No 4/2018 and on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Bulgaria, Greece, Lithuania and Poland, as well as on the use of the written procedure for their adoption by the Council.

Would you therefore please state whether you agree to:

(1) confirm the agreement on the draft budget for 2019 and consequently:

- adopt the Council's position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019 as recorded in documents 10826/18 + COR 1 + ADD 1 to ADD 5 REV 1 + COR 1;
- instruct the Presidency, assisted by the General Secretariat of the Council, to forward the Council's position together with the explanatory memorandum to the European Parliament, in accordance with Article 314(3) TFEU, and approve the letter set out in Annex III to document 10826/18 to that effect;
- have the Council's position, as set out in Annex I to document 10826/18, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*; and
- record in the Council's minutes the statements recorded in Annex II to document 10826/18.

(2) confirm the agreement on DAB No 4/2018 and consequently:

- adopt the Council's position on DAB No 4/2018 as recorded in document 10753/18;
- instruct the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and approve the draft letter in Annex 2 to document 10753/18 to that effect; and
- have the Council's position, as set out in Annex 1 to document 10753/18, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

(3) confirm the agreement on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Bulgaria, Greece, Lithuania and Poland and consequently adopt the text of the Decision as recorded in document 10754/18.

Please answer "YES", "NO" or "ABSTAIN" to these **three questions**.

Any unilateral statements should be made separately.

Replies must reach the General Secretariat of the Council by **12H00 on Monday 4 September 2018**. They may be faxed to +32.2-281 92 98 for the attention of Ms Eva Veivo or sent by e-mail to **eva.veivo@consilium.europa.eu** and **karen.geeraert@consilium.europa.eu**.
