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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	12406/23 (COM(2023) 381 final)
Subject:	Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Romania and Italy in relation to natural disasters in 2022 and to Türkiye in relation to the earthquakes in February 2023 – <i>Approval</i>

1. On 23 August 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF), accompanied by proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 10/2023¹.

¹ Doc. 12407/23.

2. The purpose of this proposal is to mobilise the EUSF for a total amount of EUR 454.8 million in commitment and payment appropriations, of which respectively:
- EUR 33.9 million to provide assistance to Romania further to a severe and broad drought with three main peaks, respectively, at the end of March, in mid-April and in July-August 2022;
 - EUR 20.9 million to provide assistance to Italy further to the intense rainfall resulting in fluvial and flash flood events affecting the central Italian regions in September 2022; and
 - EUR 400 million to provide assistance to Türkiye further to the major earthquakes affecting southern Türkiye in the region of Kahramanmaraş and the region of Hatay in February 2023.
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal at its meeting on 7 September 2023 and was able to approve it.
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to confirm its agreement on the text of the Decision on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, as set out in document 12729/23.
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