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## 'I' ITEM NOTE

From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	7145/20 - COM(2020) 172 final
Subject:	Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2020 to provide emergency assistance to Member States and further reinforce the Union Civil Protection Mechanism/rescEU in response to the COVID-19 outbreak

1. On 2 April 2020, the Commission forwarded to the Council a proposal for a Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2020 to provide emergency assistance to Member States and further reinforce the Union Civil Protection Mechanism/rescEU in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The objective of this proposal is to supplement the financing in the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2020 over and above the ceiling of heading 3 (*Security and citizenship*) by the amount of EUR 714 558 138 in commitment appropriations, to finance immediate measures in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak, following the adoption of draft amending budget No 2/2020<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 7142/20 (COM(2020) 170 final).

2. The Budget Committee examined the proposal at its meeting on 6 April and was able to approve the proposed changes.
3. 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 Contingency Margin in 2020, as set out in the Annex;
  - decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430<sup>1</sup>, that the Council uses the written procedure for its adoption.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2020/430 of 23 March 2020 on a temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 88 I, 24.3.2020, p. 1).

**DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2020 to provide emergency assistance to Member States and further reinforce the Union Civil Protection Mechanism/rescEU in response to the COVID-19 outbreak**

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 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas,

- (1) Article 13 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013<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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013, the Commission has calculated the absolute amount of this Contingency Margin for 2020.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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).

- (3) After having examined all other financial possibilities to react to unforeseen circumstances within the 2020 commitment ceiling for heading 3 (*Security and citizenship*) of the multiannual financial framework (MFF), and having regard to the mobilisation of the Global Margin for Commitments for the full amount of 2 392 402 163 available in 2020 and of the Flexibility Instrument for the full amount of EUR 1 094 414 188 available in 2020, it is necessary to mobilise the Contingency Margin to address the needs stemming from the COVID-19 outbreak by increasing the commitment appropriations in the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2020, over and above the ceiling of heading 3 of the MFF.
- (4) Having regard to this very particular situation, the last-resort condition set in Article 13(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 is fulfilled.
- (5) This Decision is linked to financing included in amending budget No 2 to the general budget of the European Union for 2020. In order to ensure coherence with that amending budget, this Decision should apply from the date of its adoption,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### *Article 1*

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2020, the Contingency Margin shall be mobilised to provide the amount of EUR 714 558 138 in commitment appropriations over and above the commitment ceiling of heading 3 (*Security and citizenship*) of the multiannual financial framework.

#### *Article 2*

The total amount of EUR 714 558 138 referred to in Article 1 shall be offset against the margin under the commitment ceiling of the financial year 2020 of heading 5 (*Administration*) of the multiannual financial framework.

### *Article 3*

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 Brussels,

*For the European Parliament*

*For the Council*

*The President*

*The President*

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

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