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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	7671/20 (COM(2020) 190 final)
Subject:	Council position on draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for 2020 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Portugal, Spain, Italy and Austria – <i>Adoption</i>

1. On 30 April 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 4 to the general budget for 2020 regarding the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for a total amount of EUR 278.99 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

The objective of this proposal is to finance the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Portugal, Spain, Italy and Austria following natural disasters that took place in these Member States in the course of 2019.

The corresponding appropriations are to be recorded under Article 13 06 01 (*EU Solidarity Fund - Assistance to Member States in the event of a major natural disaster with serious repercussions on living conditions, the natural environment or the economy*), after having deducted the advances already paid out to Portugal and Spain (EUR 6.50 million).

2. In order to allow the Council to adopt a position on DAB No 4/2020 without delay, the Council has to decide, considering the urgency of the matter, to shorten, in accordance with Article 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure, the eight-week period laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union.
3. The Budget Committee had the occasion to ask questions related to the draft amending budget proposal during the informal videoconference of the members of the Budget Committee on 6 May 2020 and examined this proposal without any objections being raised.
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm its agreement on:
 - DAB No 4/2020 as set out in document 7671/20,
 - instructing the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and to approve the draft letter in the Annex to that effect, and
 - having the Council Decision adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 4 of the European Union for the financial year 2020, as set out in document 7766/20, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
 - 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, that the Council uses the written procedure for its adoption; and
 - confirm its agreement that, in view of the urgency of the matter, the Council decides to derogate, on the basis of the second subparagraph of Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, from the eight-week period referred to in the first subparagraph of that Article.

DRAFT LETTER

from : Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee

to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

I am forwarding under separate cover the Council's position on draft amending budget No 4 for the financial year 2020, adopted by the Council on 25 May 2020.

(Complimentary close).
