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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	7672/20 (COM(2020) 200 final)
Subject:	Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Portugal, Spain, Italy and Austria

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1. On 30 April 2020, the Commission forwarded to the Council a proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on 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 provide financial assistance to Portugal (EUR 8.21 million), Spain (EUR 56.74 million), Italy (EUR 211.71 million) and Austria (EUR 2.33 million) following extreme weather events in the autumn of 2019.

The Commission already paid out advances to Portugal (EUR 0.82 million) and Spain (EUR 5.68 million.)

3. The Budget Committee had the occasion to ask questions related to the 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 the text of the Decision on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, as set out in document 7769/20;
  - 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 approval.
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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).