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| From: | Budget Committee |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee |
| No. Cion doc.: | 11671/20+REV 1(en) (COM(2020) 960 final/2) |
| Subject: | Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Croatia and Poland in relation to a natural disaster and to provide for the payment of advances to Croatia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Portugal and Spain in relation to a public health emergency |

1. On 9 October 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 823.55 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

The objectives of this proposal are to provide financial assistance to Croatia (EUR 683.74 million) and Poland (EUR 7.07 million) in relation to natural disasters and to pay advances to Croatia (EUR 8.46 million), Germany (EUR 14.50 million), Greece (EUR 4.54 million), Hungary (EUR 26.59 million), Ireland (EUR 23.28 million), Portugal (EUR 37.53 million) and Spain (EUR 16.84 million) in relation to a pajor public health emergency.

The Commission already paid out advances to Croatia (EUR 88.96 million) in relation to a natural disaster.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal at its meeting on 12 October 2020, 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 11809/20;
 - decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430¹, that the Council uses the written procedure for its approval.
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¹ 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).