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Subject: Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Croatia in relation to the series of earthquakes starting from 28 December 2020

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

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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 Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund¹, and in particular Article 4(3) thereof,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation on budgetary matters and on sound financial management as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources², and in particular point 10 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Union Solidarity Fund (“the Fund”) aims to enable the Union to respond in a rapid, efficient and flexible manner to emergency situations in order to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by major or regional natural disasters or major public health emergency.

¹ OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3.

² OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

- (2) The financial contribution from the Fund is not to exceed the ceilings as laid down in Article 9 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2020/2093¹. In accordance with Article 9(2) and 9(4) of the MFF Regulation, and taking into account the previous mobilisations of the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve in 2021, the maximum amount that can be mobilised from the Fund is EUR 359 968 632, which is enough to cover the needs under this Decision.
- (3) On 18 March 2021, Croatia submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following the series of earthquakes starting from 28 December 2020.
- (4) The application submitted by Croatia meets the conditions for providing a financial contribution from the Fund, as laid down in Articles 2 and 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002.
- (5) The Fund should therefore be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution to Croatia.
- (6) In order to minimise the time taken to mobilise the Fund, this Decision should apply from the date of its adoption,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027 (OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 11).

Article 1

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2021, the European Union Solidarity Fund shall be mobilised to provide the amount of EUR 319 192 359 to Croatia in commitment and payment appropriations, including the amount of EUR 41 325 507 as advance payment.

Article 2

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 OJ.*