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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 Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027², and in particular Article 9 thereof,Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources³, and in particular point 10 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

¹ OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2002/2012/oj>.

² OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 11, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2020/2093/oj>.

³ OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 28, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinstit/2020/1222/oj.

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.
- (2) The Fund is not to exceed the ceilings as laid down in Article 9 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093, as amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/765¹.
- (3) On 20 January 2025, Spain submitted an application to mobilise the Fund following the floods in October 2024.
- (4) On 7 March 2025, France submitted an application to mobilise the Fund following the damages caused cyclone Chido in Mayotte in December 2024.
- (5) On 23 May 2025, France submitted an application to mobilise the Fund following the damages caused by cyclone Garance in Réunion in February 2025.
- (6) Those applications meet the conditions for providing a financial contribution from the Fund, as laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002.
- (7) The Fund should therefore be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution to Spain and France.
- (8) 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) 2024/765 of 29 February 2024 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027 (OJ L, 2024/765, 29.2.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/765/oj>).

Article 1

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2025, the European Union Solidarity Fund shall be mobilised as follows in commitment and payment appropriations in relation to natural disasters:

- (a) the amount of EUR 946 153 691 shall be provided to Spain to respond to the emergency situation resulting from the floods in October 2024;
- (b) the amount of EUR 89 628 050 shall be provided to France to respond to the emergency situation resulting from the damages caused by cyclone Chido in Mayotte in December 2024;
- (c) the amount of EUR 21 236 336 shall be provided to France to respond to the emergency situation resulting from the damages caused by cyclone Garance in Réunion in February 2025.

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

The President

For the Council

The President

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