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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	13326/26
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 16/2026 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2026 - <i>Approval- Approval of a letter</i>

1. On 17 September 2026, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 16/2026 related to the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund¹, in accordance with Article 31(1) of the Financial Regulation².
2. As recorded in document 13326/26, the purpose of this proposal is to move an amount of EUR 385.58 million in commitment (c/a) and payment appropriations (p/a) from Item 30 04 01 01 (*European Solidarity Reserve*) to Item 16 02 01 01 (*Assistance to Member States in relation to events eligible under the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)*).

¹ Doc. 13325/26.

² Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>).

3. The aim of the proposal is to cover the payment to Malta (EUR 3.72 million), Italy (EUR 74.88 million), Portugal (EUR 261.48 million) and Spain (EUR 149.06 million) following their applications for financial contributions from the EUSF, as a result of storms that occurred in January and February 2026. The current request also takes account of the advance payments already made to Malta (EUR 0.93 million), Portugal (EUR 65.37 million) and Spain (EUR 37.26 million).
4. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 24 September 2026.
5. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
 - the proposed transfer of appropriations, as set out in document 13326/26, and
 - the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the Commission

copy : President of the European Parliament

Madam,

In accordance with Article 31(6) of the Financial Regulation of 23 September 2024³, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 16/2026 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2026.

(Complimentary close).

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