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Proposal for a

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020¹, and in particular the Article 10 thereof allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, within an annual ceiling of EUR 500 million (2011 prices), over and above the relevant headings of the financial framework. The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in the Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 661/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund². On the basis of applications from Serbia, Croatia and Bulgaria, the calculation of the aid from the Fund, based on the estimate of total damage caused is as follows:

Disaster	<i>Direct damage (million EUR)</i>	<i>Major disaster threshold (million EUR)</i>	<i>Total cost of eligible operations (million EUR)</i>	<i>2.5% of direct damage up to threshold (EUR)</i>	<i>6% of direct damage above threshold (EUR)</i>	<i>Capping applied</i>	Total amount of aid proposed (EUR)
Serbia	1 105,622	174,649	381,967	4 366 225	55 858 380	no	60 224 605
Croatia	297,629	254,229	108,799	6 355 725	2 604 000	no	8 959 725
Bulgaria	311,328	232,502	285,440	5 812 550	4 729 560	no	10 542 110
TOTAL							79 726 440

In the light of the examination of the applications³ and considering the maximum possible grant from the Fund as well as the scope for reallocating appropriations, the Commission proposes to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund for a total amount of EUR 79 726 440.

The Commission will present a draft amending budget (DAB) in order to enter in the 2014 budget the specific commitment and payment appropriations. In the event of disagreement, a trilogue procedure will be initiated in accordance with Point 11 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and sound financial management⁴.

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.

² OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p.3 and OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p.143.

³ C(2014) 7380.

⁴ OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

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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 the Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 661/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund⁵, and in particular Article 4 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management⁶, and in particular point 11 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission⁷,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Union has created a European Union Solidarity Fund (the "Fund") to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by disasters.
- (2) Article 10 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 1311/2013 allows the mobilisation of the Fund within the annual ceiling of EUR 500 million (2011 prices).
- (3) Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 contains the provisions whereby the Fund may be mobilised.
- (4) Serbia has submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, concerning floods.
- (5) Croatia has submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, concerning floods.
- (6) Bulgaria has submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, concerning floods.

⁵ OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p.3 and OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p.143.

⁶ OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p.1.

⁷ OJ C [...], [...], p.[...].

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2014, the European Union Solidarity Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 79 726 440 in commitment and payment appropriations.

Article 2

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President