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Proposal for a

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

on the Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006[1] allows for the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument to allow the financing of clearly identified expenditure which could not be financed within the limits of the ceilings available for one or more headings of the multiannual financial framework.

In accordance with point 27 of the Interinstitutional Agreement, and after having examined all possibilities for re-allocating appropriations under heading 1b, the Commission proposes to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument to complement the financing in the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013, beyond the ceiling of heading 1b, of EUR 134 049 037 towards the financing of the European Social Fund to increase the allocations to France, Italy and Spain for the year 2013

The two arms of the budgetary authority are reminded that the publication of the Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union shall not intervene later than the publication for the related Amending Budget for the year 2013.

[1] OJ C 139, 14.06.2006, p. 1

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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management[2], and in particular the fifth paragraph of point 27 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas, after having examined all possibilities for re-allocating appropriations under heading 1b, it appears necessary to mobilise the flexibility instrument to complement the financing in the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013, beyond the ceiling of heading 1b, of EUR 134 049 037 towards the financing of the European Social Fund to increase the allocations to France, Italy and Spain for the year 2013 by a total amount of EUR 150 000 000.

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013, the flexibility instrument shall be used to provide the sum of EUR 134 049 037 in commitment appropriations in heading 1b.

That amount shall be used to complement the financing of the European Social Fund under heading 1b .

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament	*For the Council*
The President	*The President*

[2] OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1.