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# Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument to finance immediate budgetary measures to address the on-going challenges of migration, refugee inflows and security threats

**European Parliament resolution of 27 November 2019 on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument to finance immediate budgetary measures to address the on-going challenges of migration, refugee inflows and security threats (COM(2019)0251 — C9-0007/2019 — 2019/2026(BUD))**

(2021/C 232/22)

*The European Parliament,*

— having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2019)0251 — C9-0007/2019),

— having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 ([1]) (the 'MFF Regulation'), and in particular Article 11 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 management ([2]), and in particular point 12 thereof,

— having regard to the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020, which the Commission adopted on 5 July 2019 (COM(2019)0400), as amended by Letter of amendment No 1/2020 (COM(2019)0487),

— having regard to the position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020, which the Council adopted on 3 September 2019 and forwarded to Parliament on 13 September 2019 (11734/2019 — C9-0119/2019),

— having regard to its resolution of 23 October 2019 on the Council position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 ([3]),

— having regard to the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee on 18 November 2019 (A9-0035/2019),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A9-0039/2019),

A. whereas the Flexibility Instrument is intended to allow the financing, for a given financial year, of clearly identified expenditure which could not be financed within the limits of the ceilings available for one or more headings;

B. whereas the Commission had proposed to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument to supplement the financing in the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2020 above the ceiling of heading 3 by the amount of EUR 778 074 489 to finance measures in the field of migration, refugee inflows and security threats;

C. whereas the Conciliation Committee convened for the 2020 Union budget agreed on the mobilisation proposed by the Commission;

1. Agrees to the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for an amount of EUR 778 074 489 in commitment appropriations;

2. Reiterates that the mobilisation of this instrument, as provided for in Article 11 of the MFF Regulation, shows, once more, the crucial need for the Union budget to be more flexible;

([1]) OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.
([2]) OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.
([3]) Texts adopted, P9_TA(2019)0038.

3. Reiterates its long-standing view that the payments stemming from commitments previously mobilised through the Flexibility Instrument can only be counted over and above the MFF ceilings;

4. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;

5. Instructs its President to sign the decision with the President of the Council and arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;

6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, including its annex, to the Council and the Commission.

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**ANNEX**

**DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument to finance immediate budgetary measures to address the on-going challenges of migration, refugee inflows and security threats**

*(The text of this annex is not reproduced here since it corresponds to the final act, Decision (EU) 2020/265.)*