



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION
TO THE COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

**LETTER OF AMENDMENT No 1
TO PRELIMINARY DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY AND AMENDING BUDGET No 4/2002**

SECTION III - COMMISSION

Having regard to:

- Article 272 of the Treaty establishing the European Community,
- Article 78 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community,
- Article 177 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,
- Articles 14 and 15 of the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities¹ as last amended by Regulation No 762/2001² of 9 April 2001,

the European Commission hereby presents letter of amendment No 1 to preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No 4/2002 for the reasons set out in the explanatory memorandum.

¹ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

² OJ L 111, 20.4.2001, p. 1.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

In the wake of the disastrous floods which struck a number of countries this August, the Commission proposed on 11 September 2002 establishing, by interinstitutional agreement,¹ a new flexibility instrument to endow the EU Solidarity Fund which will provide relief in the event of natural, technological and environmental disasters. This fund may operate in the EU Member States and in countries negotiating for accession. It will operate in accordance with the arrangements laid down in the Council regulation on the Solidarity Fund, proposed by the Commission on 18 September 2002,² which will constitute the legal basis for the expenditure.

In accordance with these proposals, this letter of amendment will insert two budget lines, one under heading 3, internal policies, and one under heading 7, pre-accession strategy, which will be able to accommodate the fund's operations from 2002. It is proposed that the lines be entitled as follows:

- B2-4 (new title): European Union Solidarity Fund - Member States, and
- B7-09 (new chapter): European Union Solidarity Fund - countries negotiating for accession.

The lines would carry token entries and would be endowed after the fund had been mobilised.

¹ SEC(2002) 960
² COM(2002) 514 final

PART B

	Heading	2002 budget + PDSAB No 4		Letter of amendment No 1 to PDSAB No 4		New amount	
		Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
B2	STRUCTURAL OPERATIONS, STRUCTURAL AND COHESION EXPENDITURE, FINANCIAL MECHANISM, OTHER AGRICULTURAL AND REGIONAL OPERATIONS, TRANSPORT AND FISHERIES						
B2-4	EUROPEAN UNION SOLIDARITY FUND - MEMBER STATES			p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
	<i>Subsection B2 - Total</i>	33 998 450 000	32 287 100 000	p.m.	p.m.	33 998 450 000	32 287 100 000
B7	EXTERNAL ACTIONS						
B7-0	PRE-ACCESSION STRATEGY	3 349 000 000	2 615 482 000	p.m.	p.m.	3 349 000 000	2 615 482 000
	<i>Subsection B7 - Total</i>	8 337 226 000	7 387 044 500	p.m.	p.m.	8 337 226 000	7 387 044 500
	Part B - Total	93 527 893 600	90 477 926 100	p.m.	p.m.	93 527 893 600	90 477 926 100

SUBSECTION B2 - STRUCTURAL OPERATIONS, STRUCTURAL AND COHESION EXPENDITURE, FINANCIAL MECHANISM, OTHER AGRICULTURAL AND REGIONAL OPERATIONS, TRANSPORT AND FISHERIES

New title

TITLE B2-4 — EUROPEAN UNION SOLIDARITY FUND - MEMBER STATES

Article Item	Heading	2002 budget + PDSAB No 4		Letter of amendment No 1 to PDSAB No 4		New amount	
		Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
B2-4 0 0	CHAPTER B2-4 0 — European Union Solidarity Fund - Member States						
	<i>European Union Solidarity Fund - Member States</i>						
	<i>Article B2-4 0 0 - Total</i>			p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
	Non-differentiated appropriations - Subtotal						
	Differentiated appropriations - Total						
	CHAPTER B2-4 0 - Total			p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
	Non-differentiated appropriations - Subtotal						
	Differentiated appropriations - Total						
	Title B2-4 - Total			p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.

New chapter

CHAPTER B2-4 0 — European Union Solidarity Fund - Member States

New article

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2002 budget + PDSAB No 4		Letter of amendment No 1 to PDSAB No 4		New amount	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
		p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.

This article is intended to accommodate the appropriations resulting from the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund in the event of natural, environmental or technological disasters.

Legal basis

Proposal for a Council Regulation, adopted by the Commission on 18 September 2002, establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund (OJ ..., ...2002, p.).

Draft for an Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund and the conditions governing the resort to it, proposed by the Commission on 11 September 2002 (OJ ..., ...2002, p.).

SUBSECTION B7 — EXTERNAL ACTIONS

TITLE B7-0 — PRE-ACCESSION STRATEGY

Article Item	Heading	2002 budget + PDSAB No 4		Letter of amendment No 1 to PDSAB No 4		New amount	
		Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
B7-0 9 0	CHAPTER B7-0 9 — European Union Solidarity Fund - countries negotiating for accession						
	<i>European Union Solidarity Fund - countries negotiating for accession</i>						
	<i>Article B7-0 9 0 - Total</i>			p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
	Non-differentiated appropriations - Subtotal						
	Differentiated appropriations - Subtotal						
	CHAPTER B7-0 9 - TOTAL			p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
	Non-differentiated appropriations - Subtotal						
	Differentiated appropriations - Subtotal	3 349 000 000	2 615 482 000	p.m.	p.m.	3 349 000 000	2 615 482 000
	Title B7-0 - Total	3 349 000 000	2 615 482 000	p.m.	p.m.	3 349 000 000	2 615 482 000

New chapter

CHAPTER B7-0 9 — European Union Solidarity Fund - countries negotiating for accession

New article

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