

Mobilisation of the Solidarity Fund

European Parliament resolution on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund according to point 3 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure (COM(2006)0114 - C6-0086/2006 - 2006/2064(ACI))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal (COM(2006)0114 - C6-0086/2006),
 - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure¹,
 - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure² and to the conditions governing recourse thereto,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund³,
 - having regard to its position of 10 October 2002 on the proposal for a Council regulation establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund⁴,
 - having regard to the results of the Trialogue of 18 April 2006,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A6-0138/2006),
- A. Whereas the European Union has set up the appropriate institutional and budgetary instruments to provide financial assistance in relation to damage resulting from major natural disasters,
- B. Whereas Bulgaria, Romania and Austria have requested assistance in relation to the damage resulting from the floods between April and August 2005,

¹ OJ C 172, 18.6.1999, p. 1. Agreement amended by Decision 2003/429/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 147, 14.6.2003, p. 25).

² OJ C 283, 20.11.2002, p. 1.

³ OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3.

⁴ OJ C 279 E, 20.11.2003, p. 118.

- C. Whereas the European Union's financial assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters should be made available as quickly and efficiently as possible,
1. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, including the Annex, to the Council and Commission, for information.

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 27 April 2006

on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund according to point 3 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure¹, and in particular point 3 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund²,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

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) The Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 allows the mobilisation of the Fund within the annual ceiling of EUR 1 billion.
- (3) Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 contains the provisions whereby the Fund may be mobilised,
- (4) Bulgaria, Romania and Austria submitted applications to mobilise the Fund, concerning five disasters caused by flooding.

¹ OJ C 283, 20.11.2002, p. 1.

² OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3.

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2006, the European Union Solidarity Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 106 357 627 in commitment and payment appropriations.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 27 April 2006

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President