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on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2011/015 SE/AstraZeneca from Sweden)
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Amendment 1

Alexander Alvaro, Nils Torvalds, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, George Lyon, Anne E. Jensen

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the European Union has set up **the appropriate** legislative and budgetary instruments to provide additional support to workers who are suffering from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns and to assist their reintegration into the labour market,

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2

Pervenche Berès, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin, Marije Cornelissen, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Welcomes this call for the EGF financial contribution by the Swedish Government even though this Member State is opposed to the EGF after 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Pervenche Berès, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin, Marije Cornelissen, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Notes that the Swedish authorities submitted the application for EGF financial

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contribution on 23 December 2011, ***supplemented by additional information up to 16 April 2012***, and that its assessment was made available by the Commission on 16 July 2012; welcomes ***the fact that the evaluation process and submission of additional information by Sweden were speedy and accurate***;

contribution on 23 December 2011 and that its assessment was made available by the European Commission on 16 July 2012; welcomes ***the relatively speedy evaluation process***;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Pervenche Berès, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin, Marije Cornelissen, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Regrets the decision of AstraZeneca to increase R&D investments in countries like China or Russia, reflecting a strategy that is detrimental to highly skilled jobs in the Union and contrary to Europe 2020 strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Pervenche Berès, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin, Marije Cornelissen, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Welcomes the fact that, in order to provide workers with speedy assistance, the Swedish authorities decided to start the implementation of the measures ahead of the final decision on granting the EGF support for the proposed coordinated package;

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Amendment 6

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Calls for trade reciprocity in trade between the Union and third countries as an essential condition for EU companies to gain access to new non-European markets;

Amendment 7

Pervenche Berès, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin, Marije Cornelissen, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Notes that the workers dismissed from Astra Zeneca are highly skilled and educated and therefore require specific approach; regrets that the Swedish authorities do not inform about the areas in which the training measures and occupational guidance have been planned and if and how these have been adapted to the local labour markets affected by the dismissal;

Amendment 8

Pervenche Berès, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin, Marije Cornelissen, Mara Bizzotto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Notes that the R&D activities carried out in Lund site have been transferred by AstraZeneca to Mölndal site; inquires if any of the Lund workers were offered the possibility to be employed in the enlarged site of Mölndal instead of being dismissed;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Alexander Alvaro, Nils Torvalds, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, George Lyon, Anne E. Jensen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Requests the institutions involved to make the necessary efforts to improve procedural and budgetary arrangements in order to accelerate the mobilisation of the EGF; appreciates the improved procedure put in place by the Commission, following Parliament's request for accelerating the release of grants, aimed at presenting to the budgetary authority the Commission's assessment on the eligibility of an EGF application together with the proposal to mobilise the EGF; hopes that further improvements in the procedure will be integrated ***in the new Regulation on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014–2020)*** and that greater efficiency, transparency, ***visibility and follow-up*** of the EGF will be achieved;

9. Requests the institutions involved to make the necessary efforts to improve procedural and budgetary arrangements in order to accelerate the mobilisation of the EGF; appreciates the improved procedure put in place by the Commission, following Parliament's request for accelerating the release of grants, aimed at presenting to the budgetary authority the Commission's assessment on the eligibility of an EGF application together with the proposal to mobilise the EGF; hopes that further improvements in the procedure will be integrated and that greater efficiency ***and*** transparency of the EGF will be achieved;

Or. en

Amendment 10

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Notes that the coordinated package foresees several participation incentives to encourage participation in the measures: job search allowance of EUR 7 170 (calculated for an average of 6 months of participation) mobility allowance of EUR 500; recalls that the EGF support should be primarily allocated to training and job search as well as training programs instead of contributing directly to unemployment benefits which are the responsibility of national institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 11

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Welcomes the fact that Swedish authorities plan to organise an awareness raising campaign about activities supported by the EGF;

Or. en

Amendment 12

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. **Welcomes** the fact that following requests from Parliament, the 2012 budget shows payment appropriations of EUR 50 000 000 on the EGF budget line 04 05 01; recalls that the EGF was created as a separate specific instrument with its own objectives and deadlines and that it therefore deserves a dedicated allocation, which will avoid transfers from other budget lines, as happened in the past, which could be detrimental to the achievement of the policy objectives of the EGF;

Amendment

13. **Notes** the fact that following requests from Parliament, the 2012 budget shows payment appropriations of EUR 50 000 000 on the EGF budget line 04 05 01; recalls that the EGF was created as a separate specific instrument with its own objectives and deadlines and that it therefore deserves a dedicated allocation, which will avoid transfers from other budget lines, as happened in the past, which could be detrimental to the achievement of the policy objectives of the EGF;

Or. en

Amendment 13

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Regrets the decision of the Council to block the extension of the "crisis derogation", allowing to provide financial assistance to workers made redundant as a result of the current financial and economic crisis in addition to those losing their job because of changes in global trade patterns, and allowing the increase in the rate of Union co-financing to 65% of the programme costs, for applications submitted after the 31 December 2011 deadline, and calls on the Council to reintroduce this measure without delay;

Amendment

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Or. en