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on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and the Council 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  
(COM(2004) 168 - C5-0134/2004 - 2004/2025(ACI))

Committee on Budgets

Rapporteur: Terence Wynn



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## PROCEDURAL PAGE

By letter of 10 March 2004 the Commission forwarded to the Parliament, the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and the Council 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(COM(2004) 168 - 2004/2025(ACI)).

At the sitting of ... 2004 the President of Parliament announced that he had referred this proposal to the Committee on Budgets as the committee responsible (C5-0134/2004).

The Committee on Budgets had appointed Terence Wynn rapporteur at its meeting of 9 March 2004.

At the trialogue of 16 March 2003, there was a discussion on this point.

It considered the draft report at its meeting of 17 March 2004.

At this meeting it adopted the motion for a resolution unanimously subject to Council's decision with no modification to the decision as approved by Parliament.

The following were present for the vote: Terence Wynn (chairman and rapporteur), Reimer Böge (vice-chairman), Ioannis Averoff, Den Dover, Göran Färm, Salvador Garriga Polledo, Jan Mulder, Joaquim Píscarreta, Giovanni Pittella, Bartho Pronk (for James E.M. Elles), Per Stenmarck, Ralf Walter and Brigitte Wenzel-Perillo.

The report was tabled on 22 March 2004.

## MOTION FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

**on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and the Council 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  
(COM(2004) 168 - C5-0134/2004 - 2004/0000(ACI))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2004) 168 - C5-0134/2004) ,
  - 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 procedure<sup>1</sup>,
  - having regard to Council regulation (EC) N°2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund<sup>2</sup>,
  - having regard to the results of the trialogue of 16 March 2004,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A5-0195/2004),
- A. having regard to the urgent need for the European Union to set up the appropriate institutional and budgetary instruments to allow it to cover the damage resulting from the forest fires in Spain (August 2003), the heavy storm and flooding which hit Malta (15 September 2003) and the flooding in southern France (December 2003),
1. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund in accordance with 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;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, including the annex, to the Council and Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> OJC 283 of 20.11.2002. p.1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 311 of 14.11.2002. p. 3.

Proposal for a

## DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

**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 procedure<sup>1</sup>, and in particular point 3 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) N° 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund<sup>2</sup>,

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) Malta submitted an application to mobilise the Fund on 10 November 2003, concerning a disaster caused by storm and flooding, Spain submitted one on 01 October 2003 concerning a fire-related disaster and France did the same on 26 January 2004 concerning a disaster caused by flooding.
- (3) The Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 allows the mobilisation of the Fund within the annual ceiling of € 1 billion.
- (4) The cases of the storm and flooding in Malta in September 2003, the forest fire in Spain in the summer of 2003 and the flooding in southern France in December 2003 fulfil the criteria to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund.

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

### *Article 1*

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004, the European Union Solidarity Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of 21,916,995 euros in commitment appropriations.

### *Article 2*

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

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 172 of 18.6.1999, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 311 of 14.11.2002, p. 3.

Done at Brussels, [...]

*The European Parliament*  
*The President*

*For the Council*  
*The President*