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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on mobilising the European Union Solidarity Fund in favour of regions affected by Hurricane Irma

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on mobilising the European Union Solidarity Fund in favour of regions affected by Hurricane Irma

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Regulation (EU) No 661/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund¹,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Hurricane Irma caused considerable material damage, already estimated at several billion euros, in islands belonging to EU Member States such as Saint-Martin, Saint-Barthélemy, Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands;
- B. whereas the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) represents an expression of European solidarity by providing financial assistance to EU Member States facing natural disasters causing direct damage whose cost exceeds 1% of regional GDP in the case of outermost regions;
- C. whereas the EUSF can be used to finance essential emergency operations and contribute financially to the reconstruction of infrastructure in regions affected by a natural disaster;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to mobilise the Solidarity Fund as swiftly as possible for EU Member State regions affected by Hurricane Irma;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Member States.

¹ OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 143.