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## **DRAFT REPORT**

on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision (EU) 2015/435 on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin  
(COM(2016)0607 – C8-0387/2016 – 2016/2233(BUD))

Committee on Budgets

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## MOTION FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

### on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision (EU) 2015/435 on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin (COM(2016)0607 – C8-0387/2016 – 2016/2233(BUD))

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2016)0607 – C8 0387/2016),
  - having regard to the Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Articles 6 and 13 thereof,
  - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management<sup>2</sup>, and in particular point 14 thereof,
  - having regard to the Council agreement in principle of 7 March 2017 on the revision of the multiannual financial framework 2014-2020<sup>3</sup>,
  - having regard to the Decision (EU) 2015/435 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2014 on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin<sup>4</sup>,
  - having regard to its resolution of 17 December 2014 on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and the Council on the mobilisation of the Contingency margin in 2014<sup>5</sup>,
  - having regard to its resolutions of 6 July 2016 on the preparation of the post electoral revision of the MFF 2014-2020: Parliament's input ahead the Commission's proposal<sup>6</sup> and of 26 October 2016 on the mid-term revision of the MFF 2014-2020<sup>7</sup>,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A8-0000/2017),
- A. whereas in 2014 the European Parliament and the Council mobilised the contingency margin in the amount of EUR 3 168 233 715 in payment appropriations; whereas an amount of EUR 350 million was included in the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin pending an agreement on the treatment of payments for special instruments;
- B. whereas it was decided to offset an amount of EUR 2 818 233 715 over the period

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> 7030/2017 and 7031/2017 COR1.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 72, 17.03.2015, p. 4.

<sup>5</sup> Texts adopted, P8\_TA(2014)0088.

<sup>6</sup> Texts adopted, P8\_TA(2016)0309.

<sup>7</sup> Texts adopted, P8\_TA(2016)0412.

2018-2020 and to invite the Commission to present in a timely manner a proposal concerning the remaining amount of EUR 350 million;

- C. whereas, according to the medium-term payment forecast presented in the context of the Mid-term review/revision of the MFF, pressure on the annual payment ceilings in the years 2018-2020 is to be expected;
- D. whereas the budget for the year 2017 shows a margin below the payment ceiling of EUR 9,8 billion, allowing for the offsetting of the full amount mobilised in 2014;
  - 1. Welcomes the Commission proposal presented as a part of the MFF mid-term review/revision package;
  - 2. Considers that the offsetting of a total amount of EUR 2 818 233 715 mobilised in 2014 against the margin under payment ceiling for the year 2017 will provide for more flexibility for the second part of the MFF and will help preventing a new payment crisis;
  - 3. Emphasises that the exclusion of the remaining amount of EUR 350 million from the offsetting confirms Parliament's long standing position that payment appropriations for special instruments are counted over and above the MFF ceilings;
  - 4. Welcomes the Council agreement in principle to the annexed decision which is in line with the interpretation of the Parliament;
  - 5. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;
  - 6. Instructs its President to sign the decision with the President of the Council and arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
  - 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, including its annex, to the Council and the Commission.

## **ANNEX: DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

### **amending Decision (EU) 2015/435 on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management<sup>1</sup>, and in particular the second paragraph of point 14 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) Article 13 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013<sup>2</sup> has established a Contingency Margin of up to 0,03 % of the Gross National Income of the Union.

(2) In accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013, the Commission had calculated the absolute amount of the Contingency Margin for 2014<sup>3</sup>.

(3) By Decision (EU) 2015/435<sup>4</sup>, the European Parliament and the Council mobilised the Contingency Margin for making available additional payment appropriations in 2014, to be offset in 2018-2020.

(4) According to the medium-term payment forecast presented in the context of the Mid-Term Review, pressure on the annual payment ceilings in the years 2018-2020 is to be expected.

(5) The draft budget for the year 2017 shows a margin below the payment ceiling of EUR 9,6 billion, allowing for the offsetting of the full amount mobilised in 2014.

(6) Decision (EU) 2015/435 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### Article 1

Decision (EU) 2015/435 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884).

<sup>3</sup> Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament of 20 December 2013 on the technical adjustment of the financial framework for 2014 in line with movements in GNI (COM(2013) 928).

<sup>4</sup> Decision (EU) 2015/435 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2014 on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 4).

"Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2014, the Contingency Margin shall be mobilised to provide the amount of EUR 2 818 233 715 in payment appropriations over and above the payment ceiling of the multiannual financial framework."

(2) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

"Article 2

The amount of EUR 2 818 233 715 shall be offset against the margin under the payment ceiling for the year 2017."

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the twentieth day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels,

*For the European Parliament*  
*The President*

*For the Council*  
*The President*

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