

**Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (Malta and Portugal)**

**European Parliament resolution of 10 April 2008 on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, in application of 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 (COM(2008)0094 - C6-0085/2008 - 2008/2043(ACI))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2008)0094 - C6-0085/2008),
  - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management<sup>1</sup>, and in particular point 28 thereof,
  - having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund<sup>2</sup>,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A6-0083/2008),
- A. whereas the European Union has set up the appropriate legislative and budgetary instruments to provide additional support to workers who suffer from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns and to assist their reintegration into the labour market,
- B. whereas the European Union's financial assistance to workers made redundant should be dynamic and made available as quickly and efficiently as possible,
- C. whereas Malta and Portugal have requested assistance in respect of redundancies in the textile sector in Malta and the automobile sector in Portugal, by letters of 12 September 2007 and 9 October 2007<sup>3</sup>,
1. Requests the institutions involved to make the necessary efforts to accelerate the mobilisation of the Fund;
  2. Stresses its concern regarding the nature of measures financed from the Fund with a view to reducing the number of persons remaining unemployed; asks the Commission, in cooperation with the Portuguese authorities, to closely monitor the situation in relation to the provisions of Article 3, second paragraph, of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 and to

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1. Agreement as amended by Decision 2008/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 6, 10.1.2008, p. 7).

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 406, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> Applications EGF/2007/008 and EGF/2007/010.

report to the legislative and budgetary authorities;

3. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;
4. 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;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, including its annex, to the Council and Commission.

**DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**of 10 April 2008**

**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**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management<sup>1</sup>, and in particular point 28 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 12(3) thereof,

Having regard to the Commission proposal,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (the "Fund") was established to provide additional support to workers who suffer from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.
- (2) The Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 allows the mobilisation of the Fund within the annual ceiling of EUR 500 million.
- (3) On 12 September 2007 Malta submitted an application to deploy the Fund, in respect of redundancies in the textile sector, specifically for workers made redundant by VF(Malta)Ltd and Bortex Clothing Ind Co Ltd. The application complies with the requirements for determining the financial contributions as laid down in Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006.
- (4) On 9 October 2007 Portugal submitted an application to deploy the Fund, in respect of redundancies in the automobile sector, specifically for workers made redundant by Opel in Azambuja, Alcoa Fujikura in Seixal and Johnson Controls in Portalegre. The application complies with the requirements for determining the financial contributions as laid down in Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006.

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(5) The Fund should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution for the applications,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2008, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR **3 106 882** in commitment and payment appropriations.

*Article 2*

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

Done at Brussels, 10 April 2008

*For the European Parliament*  
*The President*

*For the Council*  
*The President*