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Mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2020: continuation of humanitarian support to refugees in Turkey


The European Parliament,

– having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2020)0422 – C9-0162/2020),

– having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020\(^1\), and in particular Article 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\(^2\), and in particular point 14 thereof,

– having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020, as definitively adopted on 27 November 2019\(^3\),

– having regard to Draft amending budget No 5/2020, which the Commission adopted on 3 June 2020 (COM(2020)0421),

– having regard to the position on Draft amending budget No 5/2020 which the Council adopted on 24 June 2020 and forwarded to Parliament on the following day (09060/2020 – C9-0189/2020),

– having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A9-0125/2020),

A. whereas Article 13 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 has established


\(^{3}\) OJ L 57, 27.2.2020.
a Contingency Margin of up to 0,03 % of the Gross National Income of the Union,

B. whereas the Commission has proposed, in connection to financing included in Draft amending budget No 5 to the general budget of the European Union for 2020, to mobilise the Contingency Margin to address the urgent need to provide humanitarian support to refugees in Turkey by increasing the commitment appropriations in the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2020, over and above the ceiling of heading 4 of the MFF,

1. Agrees to the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin for an amount of EUR 481 572 239 in commitment appropriations over and above the commitment ceiling of heading 4 (Global Europe) of the multiannual financial framework;

2. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;

3. 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;

4. 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

on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2020 to provide continued humanitarian support to refugees in Turkey

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 management¹, and in particular point 14 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas,

(1) Article 13 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013² 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 has calculated the absolute amount of this Contingency Margin for 2020³.

(3) After having examined all other financial possibilities to react to unforeseen circumstances within the 2020 commitment ceiling for heading 4 (Global Europe) of the multiannual financial framework (MFF), and given that no other special instruments are available in 2020 to react to such circumstances, it is necessary to mobilise the Contingency Margin to address the urgent need to provide humanitarian support to refugees in Turkey by increasing the commitment appropriations in the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2020, over and above the ceiling of heading 4 of the MFF.

(4) Having regard to this very particular situation, the last-resort condition set out in Article

13(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 is fulfilled.

(5) This Decision is linked to financing included in Amending budget No 5 to the general budget of the European Union for 2020. In order to ensure coherence with that amending budget, this Decision should apply from the date of its adoption,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2020, the Contingency Margin shall be mobilised to provide the amount of EUR 481 572 239 in commitment appropriations over and above the commitment ceiling of heading 4 (Global Europe) of the multiannual financial framework.

Article 2

The total amount of EUR 481 572 239 referred to in Article 1 shall be offset against the margins under the commitment ceiling for the financial year 2020 of the following headings of the multiannual financial framework:

(a) heading 5 (Administration): EUR 16 248 368;

(b) heading 2 (Sustainable growth: natural resources): EUR 465 323 871.

Article 3

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

It shall apply from … [the date of its adoption**]

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President

[** Date to be inserted by the European Parliament before the publication in the OJ.]