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Proposal for a

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

**on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund**

(presented by the Commission)

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006<sup>1</sup> allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, within an annual ceiling of EUR 1 billion, over and above the relevant headings of the financial framework. The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002<sup>2</sup>.

On the basis of application for assistance from the Fund by Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Croatia and Romania relating to the flooding disasters of May, June and July 2010, total estimates of the damage caused are as follows:

*(EUR)*

|   | Direct damage | Threshold<br>(in million) | Amount based<br>on 2.5 % | Amount based<br>on 6 % | Total amount of<br>aid proposed |
|---|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Poland - flooding 2010<br>"major disaster"                  | 2 998 989 248 | 2 124.920                 | 53 123 000               | 52 444 155             | <b>105 567 155</b>              |
| Slovakia - flooding 2010<br>"major disaster"                | 561 133 594   | 378.205                   | 9 455 125                | 10 975 716             | <b>20 430 841</b>               |
| Hungary - flooding 2010<br>"major disaster"                 | 719 343 706   | 590.710                   | 14 767 750               | 7 718 022              | <b>22 485 772</b>               |
| Czech Republic -<br>flooding 2010<br>"neighbouring country" | 204 456 041   | 824.029                   | 5 111 401                | 0                      | <b>5 111 401</b>                |
| Croatia - flooding 2010<br>"neighbouring country"           | 153 039 303   | 275.804                   | 3 825 983                | 0                      | <b>3 825 983</b>                |
| Romania - flooding 2010<br>"major disaster"                 | 875 757 770   | 787.935                   | 19 698 375               | 5 269 366              | <b>24 967 741</b>               |
| <b>Total</b>  |               |                           |                          |                        | <b>182 388 893</b>              |

In the light of the examination of the applications<sup>3</sup>, and considering the maximum possible grant from the Fund as well as the scope for reallocating appropriations under the heading requiring additional expenditure, the Commission proposes to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund for a total amount of EUR 182 388 893, to be allocated under heading 3b of the financial framework.

By presenting this proposal to deploy the Fund, the Commission initiates the simplified trilogue procedure, as required by Point 26 of the Inter-institutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, in view of securing the agreement of the two arms of the Budgetary Authority on the need to use the Fund and the amount required. The Commission invites each arm of the budgetary authority to inform the other arm and the Commission on its intentions.

In case of disagreement by either of the two arms of the Budgetary Authority, a formal trilogue meeting will be convened.

The Commission will present a draft amending budget (DAB) in order to enter in the 2011 budget specific commitment and payment appropriations, as requested in Point 26 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 139, 14.06.2006, p. 1

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

<sup>3</sup> Communication to the Commission SEC(2010) 1562 on applications to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund presented by Poland, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Croatia and Romania respectively.

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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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>4</sup>, and in particular point 26 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund<sup>5</sup>,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,<sup>6</sup>

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) The Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 allows the mobilisation of the Fund within the annual ceiling of EUR 1 billion.
- (3) Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 contains the provisions whereby the Fund may be mobilised.
- (4) Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Croatia and Romania submitted their application to mobilise the Fund, concerning disaster caused by landslides and heavy flooding.

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2011, the European Union Solidarity Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 182 388 893 in commitment and payment appropriations.

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<sup>4</sup> OJ C 139, 14.06.2006, p. 1.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3.

<sup>6</sup> OJ C [...], [...], p. [...]

*Article 2*

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

Done at Brussels,

*For the European Parliament*  
*The President*

*For the Council*  
*The President*