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Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

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European Parliament resolution of 15 September 2009 on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on 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 (COM(2009)0371 – C7-0115/2009 – 2009/2066(BUD))

(2010/C 224 E/18)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2009)0371 – C7-0115/2009),
 - 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 ⁽¹⁾ (IIA of 17 May 2006), 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 ⁽²⁾ (EGF Regulation),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinion of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (A7-0006/2009),
- 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 Union's financial assistance to workers made redundant should be dynamic and made available as quickly and efficiently as possible, in accordance with the Joint Declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission adopted during the conciliation meeting on 17 July 2008, and having due regard for the IIA of 17 May 2006 in respect of the adoption of decisions to mobilise the Fund,
- C. whereas Spain and Portugal have requested assistance in respect of cases concerning redundancies in the textiles sector, respectively in the regions of Cataluña ⁽³⁾ and Norte-Centro ⁽⁴⁾ and have fulfilled the eligibility criteria set up by the EGF Regulation,
1. Requests the institutions involved to make the necessary efforts to accelerate the mobilisation of the Fund;
 2. Stresses that the European Union should use all its means to face the consequences of the global economic and financial crisis; notes, in this respect, that the EGF can play a crucial role in the reintegration of workers made redundant into the labour market;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 406, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ EGF/2008/005 ES/Cataluña.

⁽⁴⁾ EGF/2009/001 PT/Norte-Centro.

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3. Recalls that the mobilisation of the EGF in payment appropriations should not jeopardise the funding of the European Social Fund; expresses some doubts about whether complementarity with other existing instruments like the European Social Fund is guaranteed;
4. Undertakes to evaluate the functioning and added value of the EGF in the context of the general assessment of the programmes and other various instruments created by the IIA of 17 May 2006, within the process of the 2007-2013 multiannual financial framework budget review;
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**on 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 ⁽¹⁾, 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 establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 12(3) thereof,

having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) was established to provide additional support to redundant 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.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 406, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

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- (3) Spain submitted an application to mobilise the EGF, in respect of redundancies in the textiles sector, on 29 December 2008. This application complies with the requirements for determining the financial contributions as laid down in Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006. The Commission therefore proposes to deploy an amount of EUR 3 306 750.
- (4) Portugal submitted an application to mobilise the EGF, in respect of redundancies in the textiles sector, on 23 January 2009. This application complies with the requirements for determining the financial contributions as laid down in Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006. The Commission therefore proposes to deploy an amount of EUR 832 800.
- (5) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution for the applications submitted by Spain and Portugal,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2009, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of **EUR 4 139 550** in commitment and payment appropriations.

Article 2

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

Done at Strasbourg,

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President

Draft amending budget No 6/2009

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European Parliament resolution of 15 September 2009 on Draft amending budget No 6/2009 of the European Union for the financial year 2009, Section III – Commission (11888/2009 – C7-0098/2009 – 2009/2047(BUD))

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 272 of the EC Treaty and Article 177 of the Euratom Treaty,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾, and particularly Articles 37 and 38 thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.