Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: redundancies in textiles sector in Italy

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The Committee on Budgets unanimously adopted the report drafted by Reimer **BÖGE** (EPP-ED, DE) on the proposal on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund to provide the sum of EUR 35 158 075 in commitment and payment appropriations to come to the aid of the textile sector in Italy.

Members recall that the EU established the Fund 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. The Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 allows the mobilisation of the Fund within the annual ceiling of EUR 500 million.

Italy submitted four applications to deploy the Fund, in respect of redundancies in the textile sector: for Sardinia, for Piedmont, for Lombardy and for Tuscany. These applications comply with the requirements for determining the financial contributions as laid down in Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006. Members request the institutions involved to make the necessary efforts to accelerate the mobilisation of the Fund.