Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: flooding in Serbia, Croatia and Bulgaria in 2014

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PURPOSE: to mobilise the Solidarity Fund to assist Serbia, Croatia and Bulgaria affected by flooding in 2014.

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT: Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020, and in particular the Article 10 thereof allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, within an annual ceiling of EUR 500 million (2011 prices), over and above the relevant headings of the financial framework.

On the basis of applications from Serbia, Croatia and Bulgaria, the calculation of the aid from the Fund, based on the estimate of total damage caused is as follows:

- **Direct damage Serbia**: EUR 1 105 622 million;
- **Direct damage Croatia**: EUR 297.629 million;
- **Direct damage Bulgaria**: EUR 311.328 million.

Aid proposed: Serbia: **EUR 60 224 605**; Croatia: **EUR 8 959 725**; Bulgaria: **EUR 10 542 110**.

Total: **EUR 79 726 440**.

In the light of the examination of the applications, and considering the maximum possible grant from the Fund as well as the scope for reallocating appropriations, the Commission proposes to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund for a total amount of EUR 79 726 440.

The Commission will present a draft amending budget (DAB) in order to enter in the 2014 budget the specific commitment and payment appropriations. In the event of disagreement, a trilogue procedure will be initiated in accordance with Point 11 of 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 sound financial management.