Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: flooding in Romania, Bulgaria and Italy in 2014

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PURPOSE:: to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund to assist Romania, Bulgaria and Italy following floods in 2014.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2015/1180 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund (floods in Romania, Bulgaria and Italy).

CONTENT: the European Union Solidarity Fund aims to enable the Union to respond in a rapid, efficient and flexible manner to emergency situations and to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by disasters.

Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020, 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.

The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in the Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002.

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

- Direct damage Romania: EUR 167.927 million (spring floods);
- Direct damage Romania: EUR 171.911 million (summer floods);
- Direct damage Bulgaria: EUR 79.344 million (floods);
- Direct damage Italy: EUR 2 241 052 million (floods);
- Aid proposed: Romania (spring floods): EUR 4 198 175; Romania (summer floods): EUR 4 297 775; Bulgaria: EUR 1 983 600; Italy: EUR 56 026 300.

Total: EUR 66 505 850.

Therefore, the European Parliament and the Council decided to mobilise the total amount of **EUR 66 505 850** in commitment and payment appropriations.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 18.7.2015. The Decision shall apply retroactively from 8 July 2015.