Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: immediate budgetary measures under the European agenda on migration

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PURPOSE: to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument for immediate budgetary measures under the European Agenda on Migration.

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

CONTENT: Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 allows for the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument to allow the financing of clearly identified expenditure which could not be financed within the limits of the ceilings available for one or more headings of the multiannual financial framework.

Having examined all possibilities for re-allocating appropriations and exhausted any unallocated margin under the expenditure heading Security and Citizenship (heading 3), it appears necessary to mobilise **EUR 1 504 million** beyond the ceiling of heading 3 of the multiannual financial framework through the Flexibility Instrument to finance measures in the field of migration. This includes an amount of EUR 123 966 698 for which the Commission had made a proposal to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument for the same purpose which accompanied the initial draft budget 2016, and which is now **repealed and replaced by the present proposal.**

In accordance with Article 11(2) of Council Regulation N° 1311/2013, the amount proposed to be mobilised for budget year 2016 uses annual amounts not used of previous years of the Flexibility Instrument (2014 and 2015).

The payment appropriations corresponding to the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument will be as follows:

- EUR 710 million in 2016;
- EUR 652.9 million in 2017;
- EUR 82.7 million in 2018;
- EUR 58.5 million in 2019.