Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: payment of advances in the 2016 budget

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The Committee on Budgets adopted the report by Lefteris CHRISTOFOROU (EPP, CY) on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, 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 on sound financial management to provide for payment of advances in the 2016 budget.

Members recalled that, in line with Regulation (EU) No 661/2014 which amended Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, an amount of EUR 50 000 000 is made available for the payment of advances through appropriations in the general budget of the Union.

Consequently, the committee called on the European Parliament to approve the decision annexed to the proposed resolution. The current proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council is not linked to a specific disaster. Instead, it aims at **entering into the general budget of the Union for 2016 the amount of EUR 50 million** in commitment and payment appropriations for the payment of advances in a timely and efficient way in the event of a disaster occurring next year.