Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund: payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2017

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PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide for the payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2017.

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, and in particular Article 10 thereof allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, within an annual ceiling of EUR 500 000 000 (2011 prices), over and above the relevant headings of the financial framework.

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 management2 sets out the modalities for the mobilisation of the Fund.

The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund, which foresees that an amount of up to a maximum of EUR 50 million in both commitment and payment appropriations shall be included in the budget for the payment of advances.

The Commission considers it necessary to provide for this mobilisation in order to ensure the timely availability of budgetary resources and therefore proposes to include this amount in the Draft Budget 2017.