

Mobilisation of the Contingency Margin

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The Committee on Budgets adopted the joint report by Jan OLBRYCHT (EPP, PL) and Isabelle THOMAS (S&D, FR) on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision (EU) 2015/435 on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin.

Members recalled that in 2014, the European Parliament and the Council mobilised the contingency margin for an amount of EUR 3 168 233 715 in payment appropriations and that an amount of EUR 350 million was included in the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin pending an agreement on the treatment of payments for special instruments.

It was decided to offset EUR 2 818 233 715 over the period 2018-2020 and to invite the Commission to present in a timely manner a proposal concerning the remaining amount of EUR 350 million.

Members recalled that the budget for the year 2017 shows a margin below the payment ceiling of EUR 9.8 billion, allowing for the offsetting of the full amount mobilised in 2014.

They welcomed the Commission proposal presented as a part of the MFF mid-term review/revision package. They considered that the offsetting of a total amount of EUR 2 818 233 715 mobilised in 2014 against the margin under payment ceiling for the year 2017 will provide for more flexibility for the second part of the MFF and will help preventing a new payment crisis.

They equally welcomed the Council agreement in principle to the annexed decision which is in line with the interpretation of the Parliament and called on the Parliament to approve, without amendment, the decision annexed to this resolution to **off-set EUR 2 818 233 715 mobilised in 2014 from the Contingency Margin**, under the payment ceiling for the year 2017.