Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: payment of advances in the general budget for 2020

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PURPOSE: to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund to provide for the payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2020.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2020/264 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide for the payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2020.

CONTENT: Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020, and in particular the Article 10 thereof 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 Fund aims to enable the Union to respond in a rapid, efficient and flexible manner to emergency situations in order to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by natural disasters.

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 provides that, where necessary in order to ensure the timely availability of budgetary resources, the Fund may be mobilised in an amount of up to EUR 50 000 000 for the payment of advances.

With this Decision, the European Parliament and the Council mobilised the sum of EUR 50 million in commitment and payment appropriations from the European Union Solidarity Fund for the payment of advances under the 2020 budget.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 28.2.2020. In order to minimise the time taken to mobilise the Fund, this Decision shall apply from 1.1.2020.