Amending certain Regulations as regards financial resources under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and the implementation period of the Home Affairs Funds for 2014-2020

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PURPOSE: optimise the use of the Home Affairs Funds 2014-2020 in the context of the mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine to EU Member States.

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

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022 has led to a **massive influx of displaced persons from Ukraine into several Member States**. This places renewed pressure on the financial resources of Member States to deal with urgent migration, border management and security needs. Taking into account the nature and dimension of the crisis, these unforeseen needs will persist beyond 2022.

This invasion has given rise to increased needs in areas, such as migration and border management, directly covered by the Home Affairs Funds (2014-2020).

The Commission considers it necessary to widen the scope of use of Home Affairs Funds as much as possible, by extending the period of eligibility and by unblocking access to unspent earmarked resources, thus avoiding the loss of unused funding following decommitment. This overall flexibility is necessary to ensure a comprehensive approach to migration management, based on mutual trust, solidarity and shared responsibility between Member States and EU institutions.

CONTENT: the proposal aims to support Member States to **address the consequences of the war in Ukraine**, by facilitating access to unspent financial resources for the 2014-2020 programming period under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and the Internal Security Fund insofar as it concerns the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, 2 as well as the Internal Security Fund insofar as it concerns the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management.

Specifically, the proposal aims to:

- **extend the implementation period of the Home Affairs Funds 2014-2020** by one year. This extension will enable Member States to urgently utilise remaining funds to help address the increased pressure on their border and migration management systems arising from the invasion in Ukraine;

- **unlock access to unspent earmarked resources under the AMIF 2014-2020** to enable Member States to better address the increased pressure on their asylum and migration management systems stemming from the invasion of Ukraine. This access will be provided by amending Regulation (EU) 516/2014 establishing the AMIF and laying down provisions for its use;

- **enable the use of External Assigned Revenue under the AMIF 2021-2027**. The proposed amendment to Regulation (EU) 2021/1147 aims to give Member States and other public or private donors the possibility, under the 2021-2027 programming period, to make additional financial contributions to asylum and migration management in the form of external assigned revenue. This external assigned revenue will constitute a dedicated contribution from Member States and other public or private donors to finance specific items of expenditure under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund for 2021-2027.