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THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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PE-L 12**

**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

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from : General Secretariat of the Council

to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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No. Cion prop. : 6777/08 FIN 71 SOC 127 - COM(2008) 94 final  
6730/08 FIN 68 - SEC(2008) 16 final

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Subject : - Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund  
- Proposal for transfer of appropriations No. DEC3/2008 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2008 (NCE)

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1. The Commission forwarded to the Council a proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), as recorded in document 6777/08 FIN 71 SOC 127, accompanied by the corresponding proposal for transfer of appropriations No. DEC3/2008, as recorded in document 6730/08 FIN 68.
2. The aim of the proposal is to mobilise a total amount of EUR 3 106 882 concerning two applications to deploy the Fund for redundancies in the textiles sector in Malta and in the automobile sector in Portugal, resulting from the closure of production activities in the context of changing global trade patterns in both industries. The requested contributions from the EGF are EUR 681 207 in the case of Malta and EUR 2 425 675 in the case of Portugal.

The purpose of the proposal for a transfer is to move an amount of EUR 3 106 882 from Article 40 02 43 (*Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund*) in c/a and the same amount from Article 04 02 06 (*European Social Fund*) in p/a to Article 04 05 01 (*European Globalisation Adjustment Fund*).

3. The European Parliament consulted the Council on the proposal for a transfer on 19 February 2008.
4. In accordance with the provisions of Point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, the Commission initiated in its proposal a simplified trilogue procedure.
5. The Budget Committee examined both proposals in its meetings on 26 February and 11 March 2008.
6. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to:
  - adopt the Decision on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for the two cases, as set out in document 6777/08;
  - give a favourable opinion on the proposed transfer of appropriations, as set out in document 6730/08;
  - approve the annexed draft letter to the European Parliament to that effect.

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DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 and with Article 12(5) of Regulation (EC) No. 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, the Council has agreed on the Decision on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund as presented by the Commission on 21 February 2008 (COM(2008) 94 final).

Pursuant to Article 24(3) of the Financial Regulation of 25 June 2002, as amended by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No. 1995/2006 of 13 December 2006, the European Parliament sought the Council's opinion on 19 February 2008 on the proposal for transfer of appropriations No. DEC3/2008 (SEC(2008) 16 final) in Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2008, accompanying the above-mentioned Decision.

I am pleased to inform you that the Council has given a favourable opinion on that proposal.

(Complimentary close).

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