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Article 2

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Done at Strasbourg, ... June 2010

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President

Mobilisation of European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission

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European Parliament resolution of 15 June 2010 on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (COM(2010)0182 – C7-0099/2010 – 2010/2060(BUD))

(2011/C 236 E/35)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2010)0182 – C7-0099/2010),
 - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management ⁽¹⁾, and in particular point 28 thereof,
 - having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund ⁽²⁾ (EGF Regulation),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A7-0178/2010),
- A. whereas the European Union has set up the appropriate legislative and budgetary instruments to help the reintegration into the labour market of workers affected by trade-related redundancies and the consequences of the financial and economic crisis,
- B. whereas the Commission is obliged to implement the EGF in accordance with the general rules set up by the Financial Regulation ⁽³⁾ and the implementing rules applicable to this form of implementation of the budget,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 406, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

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- C. whereas up to 0,35 % of the annual EGF amount can be made available each year for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission, in order to finance monitoring, information, administrative and technical support, audit, control and evaluation activities necessary to implement the EGF Regulation, as stipulated in Article 8(1) of that Regulation, including the provision of information and guidance for the Member States in using, monitoring and evaluating the EGF and providing information on using the EGF to the European and national social partners (Article 8(4) of the EGF Regulation),
- D. whereas, in accordance with Article 9(2) of the EGF Regulation, the Commission is to set up an internet site, available in all languages, to provide information on applications, highlighting the role of the budget authority,
- E. whereas on the basis of these Articles the Commission requested mobilisation of the EGF in order to cover its administrative needs for the preparatory work in view of the mid-term evaluation of the functioning of the EGF, covering studies on implementation, reintegration of workers into the labour market, development of networks between Member State services in charge of the EGF, exchange of good practices and also for the update and development of the website, of applications and documents in all languages and audiovisual activities, which is in line with Parliament's will to raise citizens' awareness with regard to EU actions,
- F. whereas the application fulfils the eligibility criteria set up by the EGF Regulation,
1. Requests the institutions involved to make the necessary efforts to accelerate the mobilisation of the EGF;
 2. Recalls the institutions' commitment to ensure a smooth and rapid procedure for the adoption of the decisions on the mobilisation of the EGF;
 3. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;
 4. Instructs its President to sign the decision with the President of the Council and arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, including its annex, to the Council and the Commission.

ANNEX

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

on mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

having regard to the Inter-institutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management ⁽¹⁾, and in particular point 28 thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1.

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having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8(2) thereof,

having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) was established to provide additional support to redundant workers who suffer from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.
- (2) The scope of the EGF was broadened for applications submitted from 1 May 2009 to include support for workers made redundant as a direct result of the global financial and economic crisis.
- (3) The Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 allows the mobilisation of the EGF within the annual ceiling of EUR 500 million.
- (4) Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 provides that 0,35 % of the annual maximum amount can be made available each year for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission. The Commission therefore proposes to mobilise an amount of EUR 1 110 000.
- (5) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2010, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 1 110 000 in commitment and payment appropriations.

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