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European Solidarity Corps ***I

European Parliament legislative resolution of 11 September 2018 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the legal framework of the European Solidarity Corps and amending Regulations (EU) No 1288/2013, (EU) No 1293/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and Decision No 1313/2013/EU (COM(2017)0262 – C8-0162/2017 – 2017/0102(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

(2019/C 433/29)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2017)0262),
- having regard to Article 294(2) and Articles 165(4) and 166(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C8-0162/2017),
- having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to its resolution on the European Solidarity Corps of 6 April 2017, No. 2017/2629(RSP) ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the reasoned opinions submitted, within the framework of Protocol No 2 on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, by the Czech Senate, the Spanish Parliament and the Portuguese Parliament, asserting that the draft legislative act does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity,
- having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 19 October 2017 ⁽²⁾,
- after consulting the Committee of the Regions,
- having regard to the European Year of Volunteering 2011 Policy Agenda for Volunteering in Europe (PAVE) document and the related EYV2011 five year review from 2015, “Helping Hands”;
- having regard to the provisional agreement approved by the committee responsible under Rule 69f(4) of its Rules of Procedure and the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 27 June 2018 to approve Parliament’s position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Culture and Education and the opinions of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Regional Development and the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (A8-0060/2018),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 298, 23.8.2018, p. 68.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 81, 2.3.2018, p. 160.

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1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
2. Approves the joint statement of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission annexed to this resolution;
3. Takes note of the statement by the Commission annexed to this resolution;
4. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

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Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 11 September 2018 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2018/... of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the legal framework of the European Solidarity Corps and amending Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013, Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 and Decision No 1313/2013/EU

(As an agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position corresponds to the final legislative act, Regulation (EU) 2018/1475.)

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ANNEX TO THE LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

JOINT STATEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMISSION

Without prejudice to the powers of the budgetary authority, 80 % of the budget for the implementation of the Programme in 2019 and 2020 should be made available through specified redeployments under Subheading 1a (Competitiveness for growth and jobs) of the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and redeployments from the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and the LIFE Programme. However, no further redeployments shall be made from the Erasmus+ Programme, in addition to the amount of 231800000 EUR referred to in the proposal from the Commission (COM(2017)0262).

The remaining 20 % of the budget for the implementation of the Programme in 2019 and 2020 should be drawn from the available margins under Subheading 1a of the 2014-2020 MFF.

There is a common understanding that the Commission will ensure that the necessary appropriations are made available through the normal annual budgetary procedure in a balanced and prudent way.

STATEMENT OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission confirms that the use of appropriations from technical assistance resources at the initiative of the Commission under the Common Provisions Regulation (in particular redeployments from the European Social Fund and from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development) for the financing of the European Solidarity Corps in 2018 will not be used by the Commission as a precedent for the proposal on the European Solidarity Corps post 2020 (COM(2018)0440)).
