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## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL

## DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 17 November 2005

**on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund according to point 3 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure**

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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular point 3 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund <sup>(2)</sup>,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Union has created a Solidarity Fund (the Fund) to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by disasters.
- (2) Sweden, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania submitted their applications to mobilise the Fund within the 10-week deadline set by Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, following a disaster caused by a storm.
- (3) The Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 allows mobilisation of the Fund within an annual ceiling of EUR 1 billion.
- (4) The storm disaster in Sweden, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania on 8 January 2005 fulfils the criteria for mobilising the Fund,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 283, 20.11.2002, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3.

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 92 880 830 in commitment appropriations from the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2005.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Strasbourg, 17 November 2005.

*For the European Parliament*

*The President*

J. BORRELL FONTELLES

*For the Council*

*The President*

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