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## Amendment of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006

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**European Parliament resolution of 6 May 2009 on the amended proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management as regards the multiannual financial framework (2007-2013) (COM(2009)0171 – C6-0508/2008 – 2008/2332(ACI))**

(2010/C 212 E/02)

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the amended Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2009)0171),
  - 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 <sup>(1)</sup> (IIA of 17 May 2006), and in particular to Points 21, 22 and 23 thereof,
  - having regard to its resolution of 25 March 2009 on the Mid-term Review of the 2007-2013 Financial Framework <sup>(2)</sup> and of 10 March 2009 on Guidelines for the 2010 budget procedure <sup>(3)</sup>,
  - having regard to the Conclusions of the Trialogue held on 2 April 2009,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A6-0278/2009),
1. Approves the conclusions of the Trialogue of 2 April 2009;
  2. Stresses that the agreement reached on the revision of the multiannual financial framework is the result of successful interinstitutional cooperation in responding to the financial and economic crisis that Member States are experiencing, through the promotion of solidarity in the energy resources field and the promotion of broadband in rural areas as well as the support to the agriculture sector;
  3. Recalls that with this agreement the Parliament, in its double capacity of legislative and budgetary authority, has protected its existing priorities, as it did during the 2008 budgetary procedure when an agreement on Galileo financing was reached;
  4. Agrees to the political compromise which provides for a compensation mechanism planned for the 2010 budgetary procedure, as well as - but only if necessary - for the 2011 budgetary procedure; recalls that, as stated in the Joint Declaration adopted by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission during Trilogue on 2 April 2009, the compensation mechanism will be without prejudice to the financial envelopes of the co-decided programmes and the annual budgetary procedure and will be financed by using all budgetary means available in the budgetary legal framework;
  5. Reiterates that deficits and leftovers are still unresolved from the outcome of the negotiations of the IIA of 17 May 2006 and that these deficits should be addressed in the 2008-2009 mid-term review, as provided for in Declaration 3 of the IIA of 17 May 2006, as well as in the course of the annual budgetary procedures, if possible through more flexibility and in any case by all means foreseen by the IIA of 17 May 2006; recalls, as stated by Parliament in its unilateral declaration during Trilogue on 2 April 2009, that the Commission should take on board during the mid-term review process the principles laid down in its resolution adopted on 25 March 2009;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> Texts adopted, P6\_TA(2009)0174.

<sup>(3)</sup> Texts adopted, P6\_TA(2009)0095 and 0096.

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6. Cautions against the regular use of margins under heading 2 to finance other headings, since this could jeopardise the interests of the agricultural sector, in light of unexpected decreases in market prices;
7. Regrets that the agreement with the Council was reached only two months before the end of parliamentary term, leaving less space for the negotiations, and regrets that this put the institutions under pressure, even if in the usual climate of loyal cooperation;
8. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;
9. 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*;
10. 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**  
**of 6 May 2009**

**amending the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management as regards the multiannual financial framework (2007-2013)**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular to Points 21, 22, first and second paragraphs, and 23 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) At the trilogue meeting of 2 April 2009 the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission have agreed on the financing, in the framework of the European Economic Recovery Plan for modernisation of infrastructures and energy solidarity, of projects in the field of energy and broadband internet, as well as for strengthening operations related to the 'new challenges' defined in the context of the assessment of the 2003 mid-term reform of the Common Agricultural Policy ('Health Check'). The financing requires, as a first step, a revision of the multiannual financial framework 2007-2013 in accordance with Points 21, 22, and 23 of the Interinstitutional Agreement, so as to raise the ceiling for the year 2009 for commitment appropriations under sub-heading 1a by an amount of EUR 2 000 000 000 in current prices.
- (2) The increase of the ceiling for sub-heading 1a will be fully offset by decreasing the ceiling for commitment appropriations under heading 2 for the year 2009 by EUR 2 000 000 000.
- (3) In order to keep an appropriate relationship between commitments and payments, the annual ceilings for payment appropriations will be adjusted. The adjustment will be neutral.
- (4) Annex I of the Interinstitutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and sound financial management should therefore be amended accordingly <sup>(2)</sup>,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> For that purpose, the figures resulting from the above agreement are converted into 2004 prices.

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HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Annex I to the Interinstitutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and sound financial management is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Strasbourg on 6 May 2009,

For the European Parliament  
The President

For the Council  
The President

## ANNEX

**FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK 2007-2013 REVISED FOR EUROPEAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN  
(CONSTANT 2004 PRICES)**

(EUR million - constant 2004 prices)

COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total 2007-2013
<b>1. Sustainable growth</b>	<b>50 865</b>	<b>53 262</b>	<b>55 883</b>	<b>54 860</b>	<b>55 400</b>	<b>56 866</b>	<b>58 256</b>	<b>385 392</b>
1a Competitiveness for growth and employment	8 404	9 595	12 021	11 000	11 306	12 122	12 914	77 362
1b Cohesion for growth and employment	42 461	43 667	43 862	43 860	44 094	44 744	45 342	308 030
<b>2. Preservation and Management of Natural Resources</b>	<b>51 962</b>	<b>54 685</b>	<b>52 205</b>	<b>53 379</b>	<b>52 528</b>	<b>51 901</b>	<b>51 284</b>	<b>367 944</b>
of which: market-related expenditure and direct payments	43 120	42 697	42 279	41 864	41 453	41 047	40 645	293 105
<b>3. Citizenship, freedom, security and justice</b>	<b>1 199</b>	<b>1 258</b>	<b>1 380</b>	<b>1 503</b>	<b>1 645</b>	<b>1 797</b>	<b>1 988</b>	<b>10 770</b>
3a Freedom, Security and Justice	600	690	790	910	1 050	1 200	1 390	6 630
3b Citizenship	599	568	590	593	595	597	598	4 140
<b>4. EU as a global player</b>	<b>6 199</b>	<b>6 469</b>	<b>6 739</b>	<b>7 009</b>	<b>7 339</b>	<b>7 679</b>	<b>8 029</b>	<b>49 463</b>
<b>5. Administration <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>6 633</b>	<b>6 818</b>	<b>6 973</b>	<b>7 111</b>	<b>7 255</b>	<b>7 400</b>	<b>7 610</b>	<b>49 800</b>
<b>6. Compensation</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>190</b>					<b>800</b>
<b>TOTAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>117 277</b>	<b>122 683</b>	<b>123 370</b>	<b>123 862</b>	<b>124 167</b>	<b>125 643</b>	<b>127 167</b>	<b>864 169</b>
as a percentage of GNI	1,08 %	1,09 %	1,07 %	1,05 %	1,03 %	1,02 %	1,01 %	1,048 %
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>115 142</b>	<b>119 805</b>	<b>110 439</b>	<b>119 126</b>	<b>116 552</b>	<b>120 145</b>	<b>119 391</b>	<b>820 600</b>
as a percentage of GNI	1,06 %	1,06 %	0,96 %	1,01 %	0,97 %	0,98 %	0,95 %	1,00 %
Margin available	0,18 %	0,18 %	0,28 %	0,23 %	0,27 %	0,26 %	0,29 %	0,24 %
Own Resources Ceiling as a percentage of GNI	1,24 %	1,24 %	1,24 %	1,24 %	1,24 %	1,24 %	1,24 %	1,24 %

<sup>(1)</sup> The expenditure on pensions included under the ceiling for this heading is calculated net of the staff contributions to the relevant scheme, within the limit of EUR 500 million at 2004 prices for the period 2007-2013.