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INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

Information concerning the entry into force of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part

The Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, signed in Brussels on 21 March 2014 and 27 June 2014 (¹), enters into force on 1 September 2017, in accordance with Article 486(2) of the Agreement, as the last instrument of ratification or approval was deposited on 11 July 2017.

^{(&}lt;sup>1</sup>) OJ L 161, 29.5.2014, p. 3.

DECISIONS

DECISION (EU) 2017/1372 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 14 July 2017

on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund following an application from Spain — EGF/2017/001 ES/Castilla y León mining

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 Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 (1), and in particular Article 15(4) thereof,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management (2), and in particular point 13 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund ('EGF') aims to provide support for workers made redundant and (1)self-employed persons whose activity has ceased as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, as a result of a continuation of the global financial and economic crisis, or as a result of a new global financial and economic crisis, and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.
- (2)The EGF is not to exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 150 million (2011 prices), as laid down in Article 12 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 (3).
- On 20 January 2017 Spain submitted an application to mobilise the EGF, in respect of redundancies in the (3) economic sector classified under the Statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community ('NACE') Revision 2 Division 5 (Mining of coal and lignite) in the region of Castilla y León. It was supplemented by additional information provided in accordance with Article 8(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013. That application complies with the requirements for determining a financial contribution from the EGF as laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013.
- (4) In accordance with Article 6(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013, Spain has decided to provide personalised services co-financed by the EGF also to 125 young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs).
- In accordance with Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013, the application from Spain is considered (5) admissible since the redundancies have a serious impact on employment and the local economy.
- The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution of EUR 1 002 264 in (6) respect of the application submitted by Spain.
- (7) In order to minimise the time taken to mobilise the EGF, this decision should apply from the date of its adoption,

 ^{(&}lt;sup>1</sup>) OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.
(²) OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.
(³) Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884).

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2017, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the amount of EUR 1 002 264 in commitment and payment appropriations.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

It shall apply from 14 July 2017.

Done at Brussels, 14 July 2017.

For the European Parliament The President A. TAJANI For the Council The President T. TÕNISTE EN

COMMISSION DECISION (EU) 2017/1373

of 24 July 2017

approving, on behalf of the European Union, an amendment to the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2016/870 of 24 May 2016 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for a period of four years (1), and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1)Article 10 of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (²), hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', approved by Council Regulation (EC) No 1801/2006 (³), establishes a Joint Committee responsible for monitoring the application of the Agreement and, in particular, for supervising the implementation, interpretation and smooth operation thereof.
- (2)Paragraph 3.9 of Article 3 of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement, hereinafter referred to as 'the Protocol', approved by Decision (EU) 2016/870, lays down the rules for using the unused sectoral support for the promotion of sustainable fishing provided for by the previous protocol for the period 2013-2014.
- An extraordinary meeting of the Joint Committee was held between the Union and the Mauritanian authorities (3) by exchange of letters of 10 March and 3 April 2017, by means of which the parties agreed on an amendment to the Protocol in order to extend the deadline for using unused support.
- (4)Prior to the Joint Committee meeting in question, the Commission sent the Council a preparatory document setting out the particulars of the envisaged Union position, which was approved.
- This amendment to the Protocol should be approved on behalf of the Union, (5)

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The replacement of the second sentence of paragraph 3.9 of Article 3 of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania by the text in the Annex to this Decision, agreed by exchange of letters between the members of the Joint Committee set up by Article 10 of the Agreement, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

^{(&}lt;sup>1</sup>) OJ L 145, 2.6.2016, p. 1. (²) OJ L 343, 8.12.2006, p. 4.

Council Regulation (EC) No 1801/2006 of 30 November 2006 on the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (OJ L 343, 8.12.2006, p. 1).

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Done at Brussels, 24 July 2017.

For the Commission The President Jean-Claude JUNCKER EN

ANNEX

Excerpt from the exchange of letters between the members of the Joint Committee set up by Article 10 of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (text of the second sentence of paragraph 3.9 of Article 3 of the Protocol).

'However, unused sectoral support for 2013-2014 shall be used no later than twenty (20) months after the date of the provisional application of this Protocol, failing which it shall be deemed to be exhausted and may not be paid.'

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