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## Mobilisation of the Solidarity Fund: floods in Hungary and Greece

**European Parliament resolution of 7 June 2007 on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund according to point 26 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (2007/2068(ACI))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal (COM(2007)0149),
  - 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>,
  - 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 its position of 10 October 2002 on the proposal for a Council regulation establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund <sup>(3)</sup>,
  - having regard to the results of the Trialogue of 18 April 2007,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A6-0175/2007),
- A. whereas the European Union has set up the appropriate institutional and budgetary instruments to provide financial assistance in relation to damage resulting from major natural disasters,
- B. whereas Hungary and Greece have requested assistance in relation to the damage resulting from the floods between March and April 2006,
- C. whereas the European Union's financial assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters should be made available as quickly and efficiently as possible,
1. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;
  2. Deplores the delay of some Member States in introducing their request which is not in line with sound financial management;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, including the Annex, to the Council and Commission, for information.

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

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

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ C 279 E, 20.11.2003, p. 118.