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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council position on draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for 2018 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Bulgaria, Greece, Lithuania and Poland – <i>Adoption</i>

1. On 31 May 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 4 to the general budget for 2018 regarding the mobilisation of the the EU Solidarity Fund for a total amount of EUR 33 992 206 in commitment and payment appropriations.

The objective of this proposal is to finance the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide financial assistance to Bulgaria, Greece, Lithuania and Poland in response to natural disasters that hit those countries in 2017.

The corresponding appropriations are to be recorded under Article 13 06 01 (*EU Solidarity Fund - Assistance to Member States in the event of a major natural disaster with serious repercussions on living conditions, the natural environment or the economy*).

2. The Budget Committee examined DAB No 4/2018 at its meeting on 5 June and was able to accept it without any changes.
3. At the close of its examination, the Budget Committee agreed to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee:
 - advises the Council to:
 - adopt the Council's position on DAB No 4/2018 as set out in point 2;
 - instruct the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and to approve the draft letter in Annex 2 to that effect; and
 - have the Council's position published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* as set out in Annex 1.
 - agrees, by unanimity, to use the written procedure for this purpose.

COUNCIL DECISION

adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 4 of the European Union for the financial year 2018

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 314 thereof, in conjunction with the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002¹ and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2018 was definitively adopted on 30 November 2017²,
- on 31 May 2018, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for the financial year 2018,

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 57, 28.2.2018, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 4 of the European Union for the financial year 2018 was adopted on 4 September 2018.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>.

Done at Brussels, on 4 September 2018.

*For the Council
The President*

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

I am forwarding under separate cover the Council's position on draft amending budget No 4 for the financial year 2018, adopted by the Council on 4 September 2018.

(Complimentary close).
