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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund following an application from Belgium – EGF/2019/001 BE/Carrefour – <i>Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament</i>

1. On 4 October 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), accompanied by the corresponding proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 18/2019¹.
2. The proposal aims at mobilising an amount of EUR 1 632 028 under the EGF to meet an application from Belgium to deploy the EGF in connection with 751 workers made redundant in the retail trade, except motor vehicles and motorcycles sector in Belgium. The Commission indicated that the redundancies are the result of the continuation of the major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation in line with Regulation (EC) No 1309/2013², as recorded in document 12777/19.

¹ Doc. 12778/19.

² 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 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855).

3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal at its meetings on 14 and 29 October and did not gather a qualified majority in support of the adoption of a decision to mobilise the Fund. It considered that the Commission had not sufficiently demonstrated the existence of a the link between the redundancies and major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation as required in Article 2(a) of Regulation No 1309/2013.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:
- confirm the position against the adoption of a decision to mobilise the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund and, as a consequence, also the related transfer DEC No 18/2019;
 - mandate the Presidency to initiate a trilogue procedure in the sense of Article 13 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013¹, should the European Parliament take a position in support of the Decision on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund.
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¹ 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 (OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1).