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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to to Malta, Italy, Portugal and Spain following storms in January and February 2026 *- Approval*

1. On 17 September 2026, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF), accompanied by proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 16/2026[1].

[1] Doc. 13326/26.

2. The purpose of this proposal is to mobilise the EUSF for a total amount of EUR 489.15 million in commitment and payment appropriations, of which respectively:

   - EUR 3.72 million to provide assistance to Malta further to storm Harry in January 2026, including the advance payment of EUR 0.93 million already made;

   - EUR 74.88 million to provide assistance to Italy further to Storm Harry in January 2026;

   - EUR 261.48 million to provide assistance to Portugal further to storms in January and February 2026, including the advance payment of EUR 65.37 million already made; and

   - EUR 149.06 million to provide assistance to Spain further to storms in January and February 2026, including the advance payment of EUR 37.26 million already made.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal at its meeting on 24 September 2026 and was able to approve it.

4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to advise the Council to approve the text of the Decision on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, as set out in document 13600/26.