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Proposal for a

**DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**on the Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument**

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006<sup>1</sup> allows for the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument to allow the financing of clearly identified expenditure which could not be financed within the limits of the ceilings available for one or more headings of the multiannual financial framework.

In accordance with point 27 of the Interinstitutional Agreement, and after having examined all possibilities for re-allocating appropriations under heading 4, the Commission proposes to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument for the financing of the European Neighbourhood Policy, for an amount of EUR 153,3 million beyond the ceiling of heading 4.

The two arms of the budgetary authority are reminded that the publication of the Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union shall not intervene later than the publication for the General Budget for the year 2012.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 139, 14.06.2006, p. 1

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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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>2</sup>, and in particular the fifth paragraph of point 27 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas, after having examined all possibilities for re-allocating appropriations under heading 4, it appears necessary to mobilise the flexibility instrument to complement the financing in the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012, beyond the ceiling of heading 4, of EUR 153,3 million towards the financing of the European Neighbourhood Policy,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012, the flexibility instrument shall be used to provide the sum of EUR 153,3 million in commitment appropriations in heading 4.

That amount shall be used to complement the financing of EUR 153 343 576 for the European Neighbourhood Policy under heading 4.

*Article 2*

This decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels,

*For the European Parliament*  
*The President*

*For the Council*  
*The President*

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<sup>2</sup> OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1.