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### **SECTION III: COMMISSION**

	Commission Draft Budget 2012		EP Amounts	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
<b>Budget Line N° &amp; Heading:</b>				
Budget line n° 18 03 16 - Heading 3 a				
Appropriations			3 000 000	3 000 000
Reserve				

### **NOMENCLATURE:**

Create the following new line:

**PP 18 03 16: Pilot Project to enable resettlement of refugees during emergency situations**

### **REMARKS:**

Add the following:

This pilot project aims to create a new line of funding for support to resettlement of refugees in emergency conditions that are **not** covered by the current European Refugee Fund (ERF) rules, and will not be covered in the near future as the current Fund, in its third iteration (ERF III), lapses in 2014. The activities carried out in the framework of this pilot project, and the experiences collected thereof, could then be integrated in the revision of the ERF slated for 2014.

The following actions are covered by this pilot project:

- to support persons already recognized as refugees by UNHCR and ERF, falling victims of natural disasters, armed attacks etc.
- to support emergency action in the case of groups of refugees, identified as priorities according to ERF and UNHCR rules, who are under armed attack, that have been victims of a natural disaster, or that face other conjunctures of extreme vulnerability and life-threatening nature,
- to fund rapid resettlement procedures of the Member States in conditions replicated from the routine resettlement activities funded by the ERF,
- to guarantee financing for emergency procedures without disruption of the ongoing ERF resettlement procedures,
- to provide, where needed, extra financial support during emergencies to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and to its liaison organizations in the Member States and at the EU level,
- to strengthen the activities of the European Asylum Support Office, whose Resettlement Unit is expected to become operational during 2012, as a focal point during these emergency procedures.

### **LEGAL BASIS:**

- Decision No 573/2007/EC setting up the European Refugee Fund,
- Communication from the Commission on the establishment of a joint resettlement programme (COM(2009)0447),
- Report of the European Parliament on the establishment of a joint EU resettlement programme (2009/2240(INI)),

- Report on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 573/2007/EC establishing the European Refugee Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" and repealing Council Decision 2004/904/EC, (COM(2009)0456, 2009/0127(COD)),
- Regulation (EU) No 439/2010 establishing a European Asylum Support Office.

## **JUSTIFICATION:**

The pilot project targets the refugees already recognized by UNHCR as refugees, who have fallen victims of a natural disaster, armed conflict etc.

The main tools at the EU's disposal for the undertaking of resettlements, a priority for the EU, are the European Refugee Fund and the European Asylum Support Office, under which a Resettlement Unit is slated to be created during 2012.

The current pilot project would enable the planning of emergency action on the ground. The activities and experiences collected from this pilot-project could be integrated in the ERF revision that is slated for 2014.

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