

## COMMISSION DECISION

of [...]

**on the ENPI Annual Action Programme 2007 in favour of Belarus to be financed under Article 19 08 01 03 of the general budget of the European Communities**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Belarus<sup>2</sup> and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2010<sup>3</sup>, point 6.1., which indicates the priorities of **“Social and Economic Development”** and **“Democratic Development and Good Governance”**.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the (Annual) Action Programme are to provide support to the Implementation of a Comprehensive Energy Policy for the Republic of Belarus. More specifically, the overall objective of the action is to provide targeted assistance to the Belarusian government and population:
  - in profiling and implementing energy strategy in such a way as to bring the country closer to the EU approaches to energy policy, foster sustainable development and social welfare by improving the economy’s and social sphere’s energy efficiency and use of indigenous and renewable energy resources (First NIP priority area);
  - in empowering the Belarusian citizens and their associations to play an active role in achieving energy policy objectives at the local level, and in areas where social participation should be encouraged, notably via citizens’ involvement in pilot projects (Second NIP priority area).

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> C(2007) 672

<sup>3</sup> C(2007) 672

- (3) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002<sup>4</sup>, Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002<sup>5</sup> and Article 15 of the Internal Rules<sup>6</sup>.
- (4) It is appropriate to define the term “substantial change” in the meaning of Article 90 (4) Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 for the application of this decision.
- (5) The measures provided for in this decision are in accordance with the opinion of the ENPI Committee set up under Article 26 of Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The action “Support to the Implementation of a Comprehensive Energy Policy for the Republic of Belarus”, which constitutes the Annual Action Programme in favour of Belarus, the text of which is set out in the Annex, are approved.

*Article 2*

The maximum contribution of the Community is set at EUR 5 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 03 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2007.

Done at Brussels, [...]

*For the Commission*

[...]

*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>4</sup> OJ L 248, 16.09.2002 p. 1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No1995/2006 (OJ L 390, 30.12.2006, p.1).

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p.1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (CE, Euratom) No 478/2007 (JO L 111, 28.04.2007, p.13).

<sup>6</sup> C (2007) 513 of February 21, 2007.