

COMMISSION DECISION

of

on the ENPI Annual Action Programme 2007 in favour of Azerbaijan 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 Instrument¹, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Commission has adopted the ENPI Strategy Paper 2007-2013 for Azerbaijan² and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2010, which indicates as priorities: support for strengthening of democratic structures, support for regulatory reform and administrative capacity building and support for poverty reduction efforts,

(2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme are as follows:

– Energy Reform Support Programme (ERSP)

The ERSP will support the implementation of GoA's key priorities in the energy sector, as listed in the Memorandum of Understanding on energy (MoUE), with a view in particular to (i) increasing energy security by diversifying energy sources and (ii) paving the way for energy sustainability.

– Support to institutional and regulatory reform

Support to the Azerbaijani administration and relevant institutions to enforce effectively the commitments set forth in the ENP Action Plan and their national reform programmes through twinning instrument.

(3) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002³, Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002⁴ and Article 15 of the Internal Rules⁵.

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

² C(2007) 672

³ OJ L 248, 16.09.2002, p.1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1995/2006 (OJ L 390, 30.12.2006, p.1).

⁴ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p.1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 478/2007 (JO L 111, 28.04.2007, p.13).

⁵ C (2007) 513 of February 21, 2007.

- (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 actions “Energy Reform Support Programme (ERSP)” and “Support to institutional and regulatory reform”, which constitute the ENPI Annual Action Programme in favour of Azerbaijan, the text of which is set out in the Annex, are approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the Community is set at EUR 19,000,000 to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 03 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2007.

Article 3

Within the maximum indicative budget of all the specific actions, cumulated changes not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the Community are not considered to be substantial provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the Annual Action Programme.

The authorising officer may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, [...]

For the Commission

[...]

Member of the Commission