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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)¹, and in particular Article 14(2)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 lays down the objectives and main principles for pre-accession assistance to candidate countries and potential candidates.
- (2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006, the assistance should be provided through multi-annual or annual programmes, which can be established by country and by component, or, as appropriate, by group of countries or by theme. These programmes should be drawn up in accordance with the general policy framework referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 and the relevant multi-annual indicative planning document referred to in Article 6 of that Regulation.
- (3) The Council established for all candidate countries and potential candidates an Accession Partnership or a European Partnership. The Commission has adopted on 1 July 2009 a multi-annual indicative planning document 2009-2011 for Bosnia and Herzegovina which presents indicative allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance to the country concerned².
- (4) Therefore, and having regard to the project proposals submitted by the country concerned, the National Programme part I and II for Bosnia and Herzegovina under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2010 aims at providing assistance to help the country to meet the political, economic and *acquis* requirements of the accession process.
- (5) Part II of the National Programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2010 provides financing for environmental infrastructure, in particular for the rehabilitation and construction of water and waste water infrastructure in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This programme constitutes a continuation of the activities programmed under part I of the 2010 National Programme.
- (6) This Decision meets the requirements of Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation No 1605/2002³ (hereafter: “Implementing Rules”) and constitutes thus a Financing Decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

² C(2009)5114 of 1 July 2009.

³ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1

Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁴ (hereafter: “Financial Regulation”);

- (7) It is appropriate to implement this programme by joint management with the World Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), and the European Investment Bank (EIB).
- (8) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The National Programme part II for Bosnia and Herzegovina under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2010, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

This programme shall be implemented by joint management with the World Bank, EBRD, and EIB. Joint management will be used to delegate implementation of tasks to international organisations. EBRD, EIB and the World Bank are concerned by this management mode. Both EBRD and EIB are currently subject to an assessment in relation to Article 53d of the Financial Regulation. In anticipation of the results of the assessment, the authorising officer deems that, based on longstanding and problem free cooperation with both the EBRD and EIB, joint management mode can be proposed and a convention can be signed in accordance with the provisions laid down in Article 43 of the Implementing Rules to the Financial Regulation.

The programme shall be implemented by means of a Financing Agreement to be concluded between the Commission and Bosnia and Herzegovina in conformity with the Framework Agreement concluded between the same parties on 30 July 2008.

Article 2

The maximum amount of European Union contribution shall be **EUR 6 000 000**, to be financed through 22.020200 of the general budget of the European Union for 2010.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission,
Štefan Füle
Member of the Commission

⁴ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1