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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<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Under the European Neighbourhood Policy<sup>2</sup> the Commission has adopted the regional strategy paper (2007-2013) and regional indicative programme (2007-2013) for the Euro-Mediterranean partnership<sup>3</sup>, which sets as priorities regional cooperation on the environment, energy, transport and information technology.
- (2) The third part of the 2008 Action Programme cover the following programmes: ENPI - Mediterranean Environment Programme; Euromed Transport Project - support to the implementation of the Regional Transport Action Plan (RTAP); MED-ENEC II (Energy Efficiency in the Construction Sector in the Mediterranean, second phase); and EUMEDRegNet.
- (3) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002<sup>4</sup> and Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002<sup>5</sup>.
- (4) The term “substantial change” should be defined in accordance with Article 90(4) of 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 third part of the 2008 Action Programme for the Southern Mediterranean region (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Palestinian Territories and Tunisia) under the European Neighbourhood Policy, the text of which is annexed to this decision, is hereby

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 310, 9.11.2007.

<sup>2</sup> This action programme covers the following Mediterranean partners: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, the Palestinian Territories and Tunisia.

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

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1525/2007 (OJ L 343, 27.12.2007, p. 9).

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1. Regulation last amended by Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 478/2007 (OJ L 111, 28.4.2007, p. 13).

approved and will be carried out through the following programmes: ENPI - Mediterranean Environment Programme; Euromed Transport Project - support to the implementation of the Regional Transport Action Plan (RTAP); MED-ENEC II (Energy Efficiency in the Construction Sector in the Mediterranean, second phase); and EUMEDRegNet.

#### *Article 2*

The maximum contribution of the Community is set at EUR 23 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2008.

#### *Article 3*

Within the maximum indicative budget for 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 2008 Action Programme.

The authorising officer may implement the programme within the limits of such non-substantial changes, in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 5.8.2008

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*