

COMMISSION DECISION

of 12/01/2007

on a special measure in favour of the West Bank and Gaza Strip for a contribution to the Temporary International Mechanism to be financed under Article 19 08 01 02 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 European Parliament and Council Regulation (EEC) No 1638/2006 of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument¹, and in particular Article 13, in conjunction with Article 26 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) This decision responds to the Quartet's "*willingness to endorse a temporary mechanism*" to provide direct delivery of assistance to the Palestinian people, endorsed by the Council Meeting of 15 May requesting the EU to work "*urgently to develop such a mechanism which as a matter of priority will be aimed at contributing to meet basic needs*".
- (2) The European Council of 15/16 June 2006 endorsed the Temporary International Mechanism (TIM) drawn up by the Commission to channel assistance directly to Palestinian people and requested the Commission to urgently establish that mechanism.
- (3) The European Council of 15 December 2006 agreed to extend TIM's mandate for a further three months until March 2007.
- (4) By decision of 23 June 2006² the Commission has adopted measures in support to the TIM "which as a matter of priority will be aimed at contributing to meet basic needs".
- (5) By decision of 6 November 2006³ the Commission has adopted measures in support to the TIM "which as a matter of priority will be aimed at contributing to meet basic needs".

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

² C(2006)2896.

³ C(2006)5183.

- (6) By decision of 8 November 2006⁴ the Commission has adopted measures in support to the TIM "which as a matter of priority will be aimed at contributing to meet basic needs".
- (7) By decision of 22 November 2006⁵ the Commission has adopted measures in support to the TIM "which as a matter of priority will be aimed at contributing to meet basic needs".
- (8) By decision of 14 December 2006⁶ the Commission has adopted measures in support to the TIM "which as a matter of priority will be aimed at contributing to meet basic needs".
- (9) The objective of the project is to mitigate the impact on the vulnerable population by providing social allowances to individuals.
- (10) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 (2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁷, Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of that Regulation⁸ and Article 15 of the Internal Rules⁹.
- (11) 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:

Sole Article

The special measure "Contribution to the Temporary International Mechanism – Window 3 – Payment of Social allowances to the vulnerable" the text of which is set out in the Annex, is approved.

The maximum contribution of the Community is set at EUR 35,000,000 to be financed within the limits of the available resources of budget Article 19 08 01 02 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2007.

Done at Brussels, 12 January 2007

For the Commission
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⁴ C(2006)5282.

⁵ C(2006)5523.

⁶ C(2006)6495.

⁷ OJ L 248, 16.09.2002 p. 1.

⁸ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1248/2006, (OJ L 227, 7.8.2006, p. 3).

⁹ SEC (2006)131.

Member of the Commission