

COMMISSION DECISION

C(2009)7774 of 16/10/2009

approving the Annual Action Programme 2009 in favour of Syria to be financed under Article 19 08 01 01 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 the Regulation (EC) n°1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provision establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)¹, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Syria and the Multi-annual Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2010², point 3 of which mentions support to economic reform and point 5 of which mentions support for social reform.
- (2) The main objectives pursued by the 2009 Annual Action Programme are the promotion of decentralisation and local development, the improvement of the health financing system and the reform of the existing social protection in response to the needs of the transition of the Syrian economy.
- (3) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N°1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities and of Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2432/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002³.
- (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 present decision covers any possible interest due for late payment on the basis of articles 83 of the Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 and 106(5) of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002.

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

² C(2007)672

³ Commission Regulation (EC Euratom) N° 2342/2002 (OJ L 357, 31.12.2002) as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC Euratom) N° 478/2007 du 23/04/2007 (OJ L 111, 28.04.2007).

- (6) 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 “Promoting decentralisation and local development”, “Health Sector Modernisation Programme II” and “Reforming social protection”, which constitute the Annual Action Programme in favour of the Arab Republic of Syria, the text of which is set out in the Annex, are approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the Community is set at EUR 40 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2009.

This decision shall also cover any possible interest due for late payment.

Article 3

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

The responsible authorising officer may introduce non substantial changes to the Annual Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
Benita FERRERO-WALDNER
Member of the Commission

ANNEXES
Annual Action Programme Syria:

Annex 1: Promoting decentralisation and local development

Annex 2: Health Sector Modernisation Programme II

Annex 3: Reforming social protection