

COMMISSION DECISION

of [...]

on the ENPI Annual Action Programme 2007 in favour of the Republic of Moldova 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 2007-2013 Country Strategy Paper for the Republic of Moldova² (hereinafter: Moldova) and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2010³, which indicates the priorities of Support for democratic development and good governance, Support for regulatory reform and administrative capacity building and Support for poverty reduction and economic growth.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the (Annual) Action Programme are:
 - **Assistance to reform in the Moldovan social assistance sector:** the overall objective of the sector program is to reinforce Moldova-EU cooperation for addressing the priorities of the Moldova-EU Action Plan relative to poverty alleviation. The specific objective of the sector program is to assist GoM in the design, adoption and implementation of a social assistance policy addressing the issue of extreme poverty in an effective and efficient manner;
 - **Improving border control and surveillance capacity in the Republic of Moldova (EUBAM-flanking support):** to approximate Moldova's border management capacity towards EU/Schengen standards and to improve the fight against cross-border and organised crime in Moldova following the recommendations of the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) aiming at supporting Moldova in fulfilling its commitments under the EU-Moldova European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan (ENP-AP) and the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement;
 - **Technical Assistance and Twinnings in support to AP:** to support the Moldovan administration and relevant institutions in the implementation and enforcement of the ENP-AP in areas with the potential to enhance trade,

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p.1: 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 Instrument.

² C(2007) 672

³ C(2007) 672

governance, investment and growth, building capacity to enforce effectively the commitments set forth in the ENP-AP;

- **Support to civil society in Transnistria:** to contribute to addressing the needs of Transnistrian communities including by increasing their access to basic social and economic services, as well as to objective and diversified sources of information. The goal here is to strengthen civil society and increase the information space in order to reduce mistrust and misinformation. The project purpose is to promote action on the local level through a community-based approach bringing together Transnistrian and Moldovan organizations to work towards this common objective.
- (3) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002⁴, Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002⁵ and Article 15 of the Internal Rules⁶.
 - (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 "Assistance to reform in the Moldovan social assistance sector", "Improving border control and surveillance capacity in the Republic of Moldova (EUBAM-flanking support)", "Technical Assistance & Twinning in support to the ENP Action Plan", "Support to civil society in the Transnistria", which constitute the ENPI Action Programme in favour of Moldova, the text of which is set out in the Annex, are approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the Community is set at EUR 40,000,000 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.

⁴ OJ L 248, 16.09.2002 p. 1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No1995/2006 (OJ L 390, 30.12.2006, p.1).

⁵ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p.1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (CE, Euratom) No 478/2007 (OJ L 111, 28.04.2007, p.13).

⁶ Version adopted 21.02.2007 Decision (C/2007/513 - C/2007/514 - C/2007/433).

Done at Brussels, [...]

For the Commission

[...]

Member of the Commission