

**COMMISSION DECISION**

**of 19/12/2007**

**on the Annual Action Programme 2007 in favour of Israel for support to its ENP Action Plan 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 European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Israel and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2010<sup>2</sup>, which indicates the priorities of support to the implementation of the joint priorities agreed in the EU-Israel Action Plan.
- (2) The objective pursued by the Annual Action Programme is to develop an increasingly close relationship between the EU and Israel, aiming at achieving a significant level of economic integration and deepening political cooperation.
- (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<sup>3</sup> and 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 1605/2002<sup>4</sup>.
- (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.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> C(2007)672, 27.02.2007.

<sup>3</sup> 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).

<sup>4</sup> 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).

- (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 (EEC) No 1638/2006,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The action "Support to the ENP action Plan" which constitutes the Annual Action Programme 2007 in favour of Israel, the text of which is set out in the Annex, is approved.

*Article 2*

The maximum contribution of the Community is set at EUR 2 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 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.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 2007

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*