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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 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)¹, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the ENPI Strategy Paper for Belarus² and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2010³, point 6.1, which indicates the priorities of "Social and Economic Development" and Democratic Development and Good governance".
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme are to improve Belarusian food safety and quality through a gradual alignment of the country's Quality Infrastructure system with the relevant EU and international regulatory and administrative practices, and to enhance the capacity of selected Belarusian institutions to implement the ENPI Annual Action Programmes.
- (3) The present decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁴ and Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁵.
- (4) 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.
- (5) The Commission is required to define the term "substantial change" in the meaning of Article 90 (4) Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 to ensure that any substantial change in this decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial decision.
- (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,

¹ OJEU L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1

² C(2007) 672

³ C(2007) 672

⁴ OJEU L 248 of 16.09.2002, p. 1

⁵ OJEU L 357 of 31.12.2002, p.1

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annual Action Programme in favour of Belarus, constituted by the actions "Support to quality infrastructure in Belarus – Food Safety" and "Capacity Development Facility to support the implementation of sector programmes under the ENPI AAPs for Belarus", the text of which is set out in the attached Annexes, is approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the Community is set at EUR 10 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 03 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 maximum 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 authorising officer may introduce non substantial changes to the Annual Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 9.6.2009

For the Commission
Benita FERRERO-WALDNER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Annual Action Programme 2009 in favour of the Republic of Belarus

Annex 1: Action Fiche (Support to quality infrastructure in Belarus – Food Safety)

Annex 2: Action Fiche (Capacity Development Facility to support the implementation of sector programmes under the ENPI AAPs for Belarus)