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COMMISSION DECISION

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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 Instrument¹, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the ENPI Strategy Paper 2007-2013 for Armenia² and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2010, which indicates as priorities: support for strengthening of democratic structures, support for regulatory reform and administrative capacity building and support for poverty reduction efforts,
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme are as follows:
 - **Support to the Justice Reform in Armenia:**
Support rule of law through support to the Justice chain reform that aims to secure better separation of powers and real independence of the judiciary.
 - **Twinning/Technical assistance Facility in support to the EU-Armenia ENP AP implementation:**
Support the Armenian administration and relevant institutions to enforce effectively the commitments set forth in the ENP Action Plan and their national reform programmes.
- (3) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002³, Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002⁴ and Article 15 of the Internal Rules⁵.
- (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.

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

² C(2007) 672

³ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1605/2002 (OJ L 248, 16.09.2002) as last amended by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1995/2006 (OJ L 390, 30.12.2006) and by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1525/2007 of 17 December 2007 (OJ L 343, 27.12.2007, p.9.)

⁴ 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).

⁵ Commission decision C (2008) 773 of March 5, 2008.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The actions “Support to the Justice Reform in Armenia” and “Twinning and Technical assistance Facility in support to the EU-Armenia ENP AP implementation”, which constitute the ENPI Annual Action Programme in favour of Armenia, the text of which is set out in the Annex, are approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the Community is set at EUR 24,000,000 to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 03 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2008.

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, 15.07.2008

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission