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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2666/2000 of 5 December 2000 on assistance for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, repealing Regulation (EC) No 1628/96 and amending Regulations (EEC) No 3906/89 and (EEC) No 1360/90 and Decisions 97/256/EC and 99/311/EC¹, and in particular Article 9 (1) thereof,

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002, and in particular Article 75 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 1 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2667/2000 of 5 December 2000 on the European Agency for Reconstruction² provides that the Commission may delegate the implementation of Community assistance provided for in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2666/2000 (CARDS) to Serbia and Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the European Agency for Reconstruction (EAR). On that basis, the Commission has delegated most of the CARDS assistance to those countries to the EAR.
- (2) Article 6 (3) of Regulation (EC) No 2667/2000 provides that the Agency's revenue shall comprise, without prejudice to other types of income, a subsidy from the general budget of the European Union, payments made as remuneration for services performed and funding from other sources.
- (3) The EAR budget for administrative expenditure for 2005 amounts to EUR 25.3 million. About EUR 1.3 million will be covered with funds allocated for administrative expenditure for previous years and not used at the end of 2004.

¹ OJ L 306, 7.12.2000, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2257/2004 (OJ L 389, 30.12.2004, p. 1).

² OJ L 306, 7.12.2000, p. 7. Regulation as last amended by regulation (EC) No 2068/2004 (OJ L 358, 3.12.2004, p. 2).

- (4) The necessary funds for 2005 for the EAR budget for administrative expenditures should be financed from budget headings 22.05.01, 22.05.02 and 22.05.03 according to their nature and the relevant budgetary commentaries.
- (5) The CARDS Committee referred to in Article 10 of the Regulation (EC) No 2666/2000 has given a favorable opinion on the administrative expenditure of the European Agency for Reconstruction for 2005,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole article

1. The Financing Proposal set out in the Annex is approved for a maximum amount of EUR 24 million to be charged to budget headings 22.05.01 , 22.05.02 and 22.05.03 of the 2005 General Budget of the European Communities.
2. The administrative expenditure funded under this decision shall be managed by the European Agency for Reconstruction.

Done at Brussels, 1.7.2005

For the Commission

REHN Olli

Member of the Commission