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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<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 4(1) thereof,

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EC) No 2667/2000 of 5 December 2000 on the European Agency for Reconstruction<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Whereas:

- 1) In accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 2667/2000, the Commission has delegated the implementation of most of the Community assistance to Serbia, including Kosovo as defined by UNSCR 1244, Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, to the European Agency for Reconstruction.
- 2) The budget for the administrative expenditure of the European Agency for Reconstruction for 2007 and 2008 amounts to EUR 23.96 million and EUR 20 million respectively.
- 3) There will not be any additional funds allocated to the CARDS programme from 2007 onwards. Given that the mandate of the European Agency for Reconstruction is to manage projects under the CARDS programme, the administrative expenditure of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the years 2007 and 2008 is to be funded from commitments from the operating appropriations and re-employment appropriations available in 2006.
- 4) As the European Agency for Reconstruction implements Community assistance in Serbia, including Kosovo as defined by UNSCR 1244, Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the administrative expenditure of the European Agency for Reconstruction must 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 funding of the measures provided for by this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the CARDS Committee referred to in Article 10 of the Regulation (EC) No 2666/2000,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 306 of 07/12/2000, p. 1 Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2112/2005 of 21 November 2005 (OJ L 344, 27.12.2005, p.23)

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 306 of 7/12/2000, p.7 Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1756/2006 of 28 November 2006 (OJ L 332, 30.11.2006, p.18)

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The Financing Proposal set out in the Annex is hereby approved for a maximum amount of EUR 43.96 million to be charged to budget headings 22.05.01, 22.05.02 and 22.05.03 of the 2006 General Budget of the European Communities.

*Article 2*

The administrative expenditure funded under this decision shall be managed by the European Agency for Reconstruction.

Done in Brussels, 15.12.2006

*For the Commission*

*Olli REHN*

*Member of the Commission*