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COMMISSION DECISION

C/2007/3281 of 10/07/2007

Establishing a National Programme (Part 1) for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia under the IPA-Transition Assistance and Institution Building component in 2007,

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)¹, and in particular Article 14 (2),

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation No 1085/2006 lays down the objectives and main principles for pre-accession assistance to countries listed in Annex I to this regulation;
- (2) The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006;
- (3) The Commission has adopted the Multi-annual Indicative Planning Document 2007-2009 for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia which identifies the major areas of interventions and main priorities that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is expected to develop in detail;
- (4) The objectives pursued by the programme described in the Annex to this Decision are twofold, one is to provide support to the Police Reform process to consolidate progress already made and the other is to ensure programming and project preparation under the five components of IPA in line with the needs of the country;
- (5) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002², Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002³ and Article 15 of the Internal Rules⁴;

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

² Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1), as last amended by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) 1995/2006 of 13 December 2006 (OJ L 390, 30.12.2006, p. 1).

³ Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euroatom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1), as last amended by Commission Regulation No 478/2007 of 23 April 2007 (OJ L 111, 28.4.2007, p. 13).

⁴ Commission Decision SEC (2004) 120 of 11 March 2004 as last amended by Commission decision C/2007/513 of 21 February 2007.

- (6) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA Committee.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The programme described in the Annex to the present decision is hereby adopted. It shall be implemented by means of a Financing Agreement to be concluded between the Commission and the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Article 2

The maximum amount of Community assistance shall be **EUR 12 million** representing 96.8% of total eligible costs to be financed through Budget line 22.02.01 of the General Budget of the European Communities for 2007

Done at Brussels, [...]

For the Commission

[...]

Member of the Commission