

Draft

COMMISSION DECISION

of [...]

approving the 2007 Annual Action Programme in favour of the Mediterranean region to be financed under Article 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities

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 2006¹, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Strategy Paper for partner countries and territories of the Southern Mediterranean under the European Neighbourhood Policy², the Euro-Mediterranean partnership and the multiannual indicative programme for 2007-2010³, which prioritises the Middle East Peace Process and the management of natural and man-made disasters, economic and social reform in the region, intercultural dialogue and the protection of cultural heritage, and adequate communication and information about the Euro-Mediterranean partnership.
- (2) The 2007 Action Programme covers the Partnership for Peace programmes, the programme of prevention, reduction and management of disasters of natural and human origin in the Mediterranean region, the regional programme on investment promotion, the regional programme on gender equality and civil society, Euromed HERITAGE, the information and communication programme, support to FEMIP and the 2008 Global Allocation.
- (3) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002⁴ and Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002⁵.

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2007.

² Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, the Palestinian Territories, Tunisia.

³ C(2007)672.

⁴ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁵ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1248/2006 (OJ L 227, 19.8.2006, p. 3).

- (4) It is appropriate to define the term “substantial change” within 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,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Partnership for Peace programmes, the programme of prevention, reduction and management of disasters of natural and human origin in the Mediterranean region, the regional programme on investment promotion, the regional programme on gender equality and civil society, Euromed HERITAGE, the information and communication programme, support to FEMIP and the 2008 Global Allocation, which constitute the 2007 Action Programme for the Southern Mediterranean Region under the European Neighbourhood Policy, as set out in Annex to this decision, are hereby approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the Community is set at EUR 97.4 million, to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2007.

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 2007 action programme.

The authorising officer may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, [...]

For the Commission

Member of the Commission