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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) N° 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 Agency's budget for administrative expenditure for 2006 amounts to EUR 24.8 million. The difference of EUR 4.6 million between the total of the budget and the amount of this decision will be funded from the remaining funds allocated for administrative expenditure in previous years and not used by the end of 2004. The surplus of year 2005 will be recovered once the definitive accounts of the Agency for that year are known.
- 3) The proposal on financing measures has been assessed as suitable for Community assistance, both in terms of their aims and content. The measures 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.
- 4) The administrative expenditure funded under this decision should be managed by the European Agency for Reconstruction.
- 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) N° 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 389/2006 of 27 February 2006 (OJ L 65, 27.2.2006, p.5)

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole article*

1. The Financing Proposal set out in the Annex is hereby approved for a maximum amount of EUR 20.2 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.
2. The administrative expenditure funded under this decision shall be managed by the European Agency for Reconstruction.

Done in Brussels, 16.8.2006

*For the Commission*

*REHN Olli*

*Member of the Commission*