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COMMISSION DECISION

C(2009)6272 of 11/08/2009

on adopting a National Programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina under the IPA- Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2009 – Part I

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the 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)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 lays down the objectives and main principles for pre-accession assistance to candidate and potential candidate countries.
- (2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006, the assistance should be provided through multi-annual or annual programmes, which can be established by country and by component, or, as appropriate, by group of countries or by theme. These programmes should be drawn up in accordance with the general policy framework referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 and the relevant multi-annual indicative planning document referred to in Article 6 of that Regulation.
- (3) On 18 February 2008, the Council adopted Decision 2008/211/EC² on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the European Partnership with Bosnia and Herzegovina. On 1 July 2009, the Commission adopted a multi-annual indicative planning document 2009 - 2011 for Bosnia and Herzegovina which presents indicative allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance to the country concerned³.
- (4) Therefore, and having regard to the project proposals submitted by Bosnia and Herzegovina, the National programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina under the IPA - Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2009 – Part I aims at providing assistance to respond to the impacts of the economic and financial crisis on Bosnia and Herzegovina. The programme will provide financing for a maximum amount of EUR 39 million to support the development of small and medium sized enterprises and provide significant investment in infrastructure in the transport, environment, and energy sectors. Funding will be granted also to the Deposit Insurance Agency to enable it to cope with the negative impact of the financial crisis on the deposit outflows.

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

² OJ L 80, 19.3.2008, p. 18.

³ C (2009)5114 of 1 July 2009.

- (5) This decision meets the requirements of Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation No 1605/2002⁴ (hereafter: “Implementing Rules”) and constitutes thus a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁵ (hereafter: “Financial Regulation”).
- (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 National programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2009 – Part I, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

This programme shall be implemented partly by joint management with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the European Investment Bank (EIB) and partly by indirect centralised management with the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW).

It shall be implemented by means of a Financing Agreement to be concluded between the Commission and the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 2

The maximum amount of Community contribution shall be **EUR 39 million** to be financed through Article 22.02.02 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2009.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

Member of the Commission

⁴ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

⁵ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1.