

COMMISSION DECISION

C(2009)7935 of 21/10/2009

on the Annual Action Programme 2009 in favour of Israel 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 the Regulation (EC) n°1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)¹, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Israel and the National Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2010, which indicates the priorities of support to the implementation of the joint priorities agreed in the EU-Israel Action Plan.
- (2) The objective pursued by the Annual Action Programme is to develop an increasingly close relationship between the EU and Israel, aiming at achieving a significant level of economic integration and deepening political co-operation.
- (3) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N°1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities² and 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 (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002³.
- (4) The present decision covers any possible interest due for late payment on the basis of articles 83 of the Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 and 106(5) of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002.
- (5) The Commission is required to define the term “substantial change” in the meaning of Article 90 (4) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 to ensure that any

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

² Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1605/2002 (OJ L 248, 16.09.2002) as last amended by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1995/2006 (OJ L 390, 30.12.2006) and by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1525/2007 of 17 December 2007 (OJ L 343, 27.12.2007, p.9.).

³ Commission Regulation (EC Euratom) N° 2342/2002 (OJ L 357, 31.12.2002) as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC Euratom) N° 478/2007 du 23/04/2007 (OJ L 111, 28.04.2007).

substantial change in this decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial decision.

- (6) 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,
- (7) The Community contribution to be financed in line 19.08.01.01 of the General Budget of the European Community for 2010 is subject to the suspension clause of the adoption of the 2010 budget by the Budgetary Authority and the availability of the corresponding funds.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annual Action Programme in favour of Israel, "Support to ENPI Action Plan", the text of which is set out in the attached Annexes, is approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the Community to the Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 1.5 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2009 and EUR 2 million to be financed from the same budget line in 2010.

This decision shall also cover any possible interest due for late payment.

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 Annual Action Programme.

The authorising officer may introduce non substantial changes to the Annual Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Article 4

The implementation of the programme depending on the commitment of EUR 2 million from the 2010 budget is conditional upon the adoption of the 2010 budget by the budgetary Authority and the availability of the corresponding funds.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
Benita FERRERO-WALDNER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Annual Action Programme 2009 for Israel:

Action Fiche