

COMMISSION DECISION

C(2007)5684 of 28/11/2007

Adopting an Annual Programme for Kosovo (under UNSCR 1244)¹ under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 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)², 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) The Council established on 30 January 2006 a European Partnership with Serbia and Montenegro including Kosovo³. The Commission has adopted on 1 June 2007 a multi-annual indicative planning document 2007/2009 for Kosovo⁴, which presents indicative allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance in Kosovo.
- (4) Therefore, and having regard to the project proposals submitted by Kosovo, the Annual Programme for Kosovo under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2007 aims at providing assistance to strengthen administrative capacity at all levels, enhance rule of law, human rights and good governance, improve socio-economic conditions for all communities, and develop regional cooperation.
- (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 1605/2002⁵ (hereafter: “Implementing Rules”) and constitutes thus a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial

¹ United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999

² OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

³ Council Decision 2006/56/EC of 30 January 2006 on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the European Partnership with Serbia and Montenegro including Kosovo as defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999 (OJ L35, 7.2.2006, p.32)

⁴ SEC (2007) 1032 of 01.06.2007

⁵ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1 Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 478/2007 (OJ L 111, 28.04.2007, p. 13).

Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁶ (hereafter: "Financial Regulation").

- (6) It is appropriate to implement this programme partly by centralised management and partly by joint management with the Council of Europe, in accordance with article 53d of the Financial Regulation which stipulates that the Commission implements the budget by joint management "b) wherever the Commission and the international organisation elaborate a joint project or programme".
- (7) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annual Programme for Kosovo under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2007, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

This programme shall be implemented partly by centralised management and partly by joint management with the Council of Europe.

It shall be implemented by means of a Financing Agreement to be concluded between the Commission and the Kosovo under UNSCR 1244.

Article 2

The maximum amount of Community contribution shall be **€ 62 million**, to be financed through Article 22.02.02 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2007.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

Member of the Commission

⁶ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1995/2006 (OJ L 390, 30.12.2006, p. 1).