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Subject: Measures that will be regarded as existing aid within the meaning of Article 88 (1) of the EC Treaty

Your Excellency,

During the course of 2003 and 2004, your authorities have submitted lists of measures which they wished to be considered as existing aid within the meaning of Article 88(1) EC. In accordance with the procedure provided for in Annex IV, Chapter 3, paragraph (1)(c) (under Article 22) of the Treaty of Accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the European Union, these measures have been examined by the Commission.

I have the honour to inform you that the Commission has decided not to raise any objections to the measures included in the list annexed to this letter on the grounds that there are no serious doubts as to their compatibility with the common market. They will therefore be regarded as existing aid within the meaning of Article 88(1) of the EC Treaty from the date of accession.

This decision does not prejudice any future decision by the Commission on the existing aid status of the measures submitted by your authorities but not included in the list annexed to this letter.

The Cypriot authorities are reminded that the interim procedure for existing aid does not apply to aid to the transport sector, nor to activities linked to the production, processing

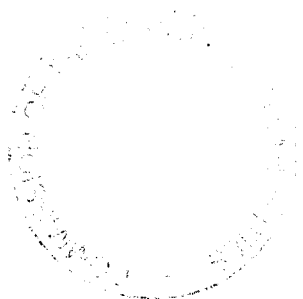
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or marketing of products listed in Annex I to the EC Treaty with the exception of fisheries products and products derived thereof. Therefore, this decision explicitly excludes these sectors and any existing aid for such sectors must be communicated separately to the Commission pursuant to the rules applicable to the sector concerned.

Yours faithfully,
For the Commission

Mario MONTI
Member of the Commission

Annex: I



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Annex: State aid measures in Cyprus considered to be existing aid within the meaning of Article 88(1) EC from the date of the accession of Cyprus to the European Union

COMP no.	Title of the aid measure (in original language)	Title of the aid measure (in English)	Duration	Date of approval	Aid granting authority	Aid objective	Budget mio €/year	Form of aid	Individual aid / Aid scheme
CY 12 2003	Σχέδιο Χορηγιών για Εξοικονόμηση Ενέργειας και Ενθάρρυνση της Χρήσης των Ανανεώσιμων Πηγών Ενέργειας	Grant Scheme for Energy Conservation and the Promotion of Utilisation of Renewable Energy Sources	31.12.2006	2.12.2003	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism	Regional and Environmental aid	8,5	Grant	Scheme
CY 13 2003	Αναπτυξιακό πρόγραμμα για το μεταποιητικό τομέα σε περιοχές της υπαίθρου	Development Programme for the Manufacturing Sector in Rural Areas	31.12.2006	8.12.2003	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism	SME and Regional aid	2,04	Grant	Scheme
CY 14 2003	παράταση του υφιστάμενου χαρτη περιφερειακών ενισχύσεων μέχρι το 2006	Extension of the existing Regional Aid Map up to 31.12.2006	31.12.2006	16.12.2003	Decision of Council of Ministers	Regional Aid Map of Cyprus	NA	NA	NA
CY 1 2004	Σχέδιο χορηγιών προς μικρές και μεσαίες επιχειρήσεις για προώθηση εναλλακτικών οικονομικών δραστηριοτήτων που σχετίζονται με τον αγροτουρισμό	Funding scheme to small and medium-sized enterprises for the promotion of alternative forms of economic activities in the field of rural tourism	31.12.2006	9.1.2004	Department of Town Planning and Housing	SME aid	3,5-4	Grant	Scheme