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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) No.1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Articles 2, 4 and 15(2) thereof:

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision C(2009) 394 adopted on 26 January 2009 provides for the funding of humanitarian actions from the general budget of the European Communities in 'DG ECHO's Programme for Capacity Building' for a total amount of EUR 27,000,000.
- (2) One of the objectives of this Decision is to improve the capacity of international organisations and stakeholders involved in disaster risk reduction to deliver advocacy and to elaborate new and improved mechanisms and methodologies to be used by partners for disaster risk reduction purposes at different levels. An amount of EUR 2,000,000 was provided for this specific objective.
- (3) In the course of the implementation of the Decision, EUR 200,000 only have been committed, for the organisation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction organised by UNISDR in Geneva from 16 to 19 June 2009.
- (4) An amount of EUR 1,800,000 remaining unused therefore should be de-committed, and Decision C(2009)394 amended accordingly.
- (5) In accordance with Article 17 (3) of Regulation (EC) No.1257/96, the Humanitarian Aid Committee gave a favourable opinion on 16 September 2009.

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<sup>1</sup> 1- OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 1

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Article 1 of Decision C(2009)394 adopted on 26 January 2009 is replaced by the following:

"1. In accordance with the objectives and general principles of humanitarian aid, the Commission hereby approves a total amount of EUR 25,200,000 for 'DG ECHO's Programme for Capacity Building' from budget articles 23 02 01 (EUR 20,000,000), 23 02 02 (EUR 5,000,000) and 23 02 03 (EUR 200,000) of the 2009 general budget of the European Communities.

2. In accordance with Articles 2 and 4 of Council Regulation No.1257/96, the humanitarian actions shall be implemented in pursuance of the following specific objectives:

- To increase the effectiveness and reinforce the capacity of international humanitarian organisations and stakeholders to assess, analyse, prepare and respond to humanitarian needs during man-made and /or natural disasters and their immediate aftermath in a coordinated and inclusive manner.

An amount of EUR 20,000,000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this specific objective.

- To reinforce the capacity of international humanitarian organisations and stakeholders to accurately assess and analyse humanitarian needs in the food and nutritional sector, also with regard to livelihoods, during emergencies and their immediate aftermath, and to design appropriate responses accordingly.

An amount of EUR 5,000,000 from budget article 23 02 02 is allocated to this specific objective.

- To improve the capacity of international organisations and stakeholders involved in humanitarian aid and disaster risk reduction to deliver advocacy.

An amount of EUR 200,000 from budget article 23 02 03 is allocated to this specific objective."

Done at Brussels,

*For the Commission  
Member of the Commission*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Decision amending Humanitarian Aid Decision C(2009)394 ECHO/THM/BUD/2009/01000</b></p>
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Title: Commission Decision amending Commission Decision C(2009)394 of 26 January 2009 on the approval and financing of DG ECHO's Programme for Capacity Building

Location of Action: Global

Amount of Decision: EUR 25,200,000

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### **Supporting document**

#### **Rationale for the modification**

The above mentioned Decision was launched in January 2009, with total amount of EUR 27,000,000 for 'DG ECHO's Programme for Capacity Building' from budget articles 23 02 01 (EUR 20,000,000), 23 02 02 (EUR 5,000,000) and 23 02 03 (EUR 2,000,000).

The EUR 2,000,000 from the DP budget line (23 02 03) were allocated to specific objective 3 that proposed *to improve the capacity of international organisations and stakeholders involved in humanitarian aid and disaster risk reduction to deliver advocacy and to elaborate new and improved mechanisms and methodologies to be used by partners for disaster risk reduction purposes at different levels.*

One of the objectives of this Decision, under budget article 23 02 03, is to improve the capacity of international organisations and stakeholders involved in disaster risk reduction to deliver advocacy and to elaborate new and improved mechanisms and methodologies to be used by partners for disaster risk reduction purposes at different levels. An amount of EUR 2,000,000 was foreseen for this specific objective.

In the course of the implementation of the Decision, EUR 200,000 only have been committed for the organisation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction organised by UNISDR in Geneva from 16 to 19 June 2009.

#### **2- Proposed Amendment**

It is proposed that EUR 1,800,000 are de-committed from the amount of the current Humanitarian Aid Decision and reintegrated into budget article 23 02 03.