

**COMMISSION DECISION**

**of 21/12/2007**

**approving a Special Measure in favour of Jordan to be financed under Article 19 10 03  
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 Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 of 18 December 2006<sup>1</sup> establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation, and in particular Article 23 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 36 of Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 (DCI) provides for the possibility of cross-border measures in the context of Article 23 of the same Regulation and considering the particular situation of Iraq, for which the Commission is not in a position to adopt a strategy paper nor a multi-annual indicative programme.
- (2) The purpose of the measure "Support to Jordan's Education System to respond to the increasing educational needs of displaced Iraqi people" is to contribute to the stabilisation of the education system in Jordan following the unexpected cross-border influx of displaced persons from Iraq and thereby contributing to poverty alleviation.
- (3) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N°1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities<sup>2</sup> and of Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2432/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002<sup>3</sup>.
- (4) It is appropriate to define the term "substantial change" in the meaning of Article 90 (4) Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 for the application of this decision.
- (5) The measures provided for in this decision are in accordance with the opinion of the DCI Committee set up under Article 35 of Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 41.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 248, 16.09.2002 p. 1 Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1995/2006 (OJ L 390, 30.12.2006, p. 1).

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.2002; p. 1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (CE, Euratom) No 478/2007 (OJ L 111, 28.04.2007, p. 13).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The action "Support to Jordan's Education system to respond to the increasing educational needs of displaced Iraqi people", which constitutes a Special Measure in favour of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the text of which is set out in the Annex, is approved.

*Article 2*

The maximum contribution of the Community is set at EUR 26.68 million to be financed from budget line 19 10 03 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2007.

*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 adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 2007

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*