

COMMISSION DECISION

of 10/12/2008

on modification to the Annual Action Programme 2007 in favour of Egypt 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 Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union¹ laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), and in particular Article 12 and 26 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Egypt and the Multi-annual Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2010², point 6.2 which mentions support to improving the competitiveness and the productivity of the Egyptian economy and point 6.3 which mentions the sustainability of the development process.
- (2) The Commission has adopted the Annual Action Programme 2007 in favour of Egypt on 14 December 2007³ for an amount up to EUR 137 million referring to the financial year 2007, under budget line 19 08 01 01.
- (3) The Annual Action Programme 2007 provides for a Programme entitled "Support to the implementation of the Action Plan", which will be implemented according to a decentralised method.
- (4) Following verification by the Commission of the management system set up by the Programme Administration Office (PAO) within the Egyptian Ministry of International Co-operation to which the implementation of the programme "Support to the implementation of the action plan" will be entrusted, it has been established that the conditions are satisfied for the delegation of tasks under decentralised management, as provide for in Article 56 (2) of the Financial Regulation and article 35 of the Implementing Rules.
- (5) The measures provided for in this decision are in accordance with the opinion of the ENPI Committee as set out in Article 26(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1638/2006,

¹ OJ L 310/1 of 9.11.2006

² C(2007)672

³ C(2007)6210

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Point 4.1 of the Annex to Commission Decision C(2007)6210 on the Annual Action Programme in favour of Egypt for 2007 is replaced as follows:

4.1. Implementation method

The implementation method will be substantial decentralised management through the signature of a financing agreement with the Government of Egypt. The Programme Administration Office (PAO) within the Ministry of International Cooperation will manage the project, except for audits and evaluations, and for the framework contracts which are managed by the Commission. The management responsibility of the PAO includes procurement and grant award procedures as well as payments.

The conditions for decentralisation comply with the criteria provided for in the applicable Financial Regulation, as indicated in Appendix hereto attached.

All grant contacts, whether being under Programme Estimates or not, are subject to ex-ante controls.

The Commission controls ex ante the contracting procedures for procurement contracts >50.000 euro and ex post for procurement contracts \leq 50.000 euro.

All payments are decentralised.

Done at Brussels, 10 December 2008

For the Commission
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