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COMMISSION DECISION

12/05/2009

**on the 2009 and 2010 Part 1 Action Programme for the Thematic Programme 'Investing in People',
to be financed under Articles 21 05 01 – Human and social development and 21 05 02 – Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) 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 the European Parliament and of the Council¹ of 18 December 2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation, in particular Article 22(1) and (3) and Article 36 thereof;

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision C(2007) 1957, the Commission adopted on 10 May 2007 the Strategy Paper for the Thematic Programme 'Investing in People' including the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2010², which sets the following priorities for human and social development: good health for all; education, knowledge and skills; gender equality; and other aspects of human and social development (employment, social cohesion, decent work, children and youth and culture).
- (2) The 2009 and 2010 Part 1 Action Programme and Annexes have been drafted to meet the priorities indicated in the Strategy Paper for the programme 'Investing in People' 2007-2010.
- (3) The overall aim of the programme is to underpin country and regional programmes where they exist, while acting as a catalyst of change where they do not. It may also play a role in the most fragile States and post-conflict countries. Synergy is sought among interventions supported under the different themes of the programme, as well as with other thematic programmes and the Community research framework programmes.
- (4) The programme should focus on countries with the most critical indicators on human and social development, although other countries should also participate where relevant, for the sake of transfer of expertise and innovative approaches. ENPI countries should also be targeted, with a specific budget allocation, as provided for in Articles 36 and 38 of the DCI Regulation. In the area of Gender equality, the capacity of non-State actors to promote women's rights and gender equality, in relation to the implementation of the Istanbul Framework of Action agreed within the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, should be supported

¹ OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 41-71

² C(2007/1957), 10.5.2007

in the 10 Mediterranean ENPI countries, as well as in Mauritania as a member of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.

- (5) Actions should also be supported in countries where there is no geographic programme, as provided for in Article 11 (2) (b) of the DCI Regulation. A specific action will therefore focus the rehabilitation of cultural heritage in imminent danger in Cuba, in line with the programme priorities of action.
- (6) In terms of implementation, the thematic programme should supplement geographic cooperation by backing up the country approach through support for global or regional partnerships, calls for proposals, and direct agreements with international organisations, mainly to support the development of innovative policy actions, exchange of good practices and capacity-building, the development and introduction of 'global goods', and the implementation of specific pilot programmes.
- (7) A gender mainstreaming approach should be applied to all programme activities.
- (8) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities³, Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation⁴ and Article 15 of the Internal Rules⁵.
- (9) The present decision covers any possible interest due for late payment on the basis of articles 83 of the Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 and 106(5) of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002.
- (10) The Commission is required to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 90 (4) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 to ensure that any substantial change in this decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial decision.
- (11) The measures provided for in this decision are in accordance with the opinion of the DCI Committee of 16 March 2009 set up under Article 35 of Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1) The 2009 and 2010 Part 1 Action Programme for the Thematic Programme 'Investing in People', constituted by the following Annexes, the text of which is set out in the attached Annexes A to O, is approved:

- A. Engaging civil society organisations to support national health workforce policies, strategies, capacity building and skills transfer
- B. Annual contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM)
- C. Supporting prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in developing countries

³ OJ L 248 of 16 September 2002 p.1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1525/2007 of 17 December 2007, OJ L 343, p. 9.

⁴ OJ L 357 of 31 December 2002, p.1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (CE, Euratom) No 478/2007 of 23 April 2007, , OJ L 111, P. 13

⁵ Commission Decision C(2007)513 of 21.2.2007.

- D. Support for AccessRH (UNFPA)
- E. Advocacy and technical support for the development of national SRHR strategies and specific actions
- F. Contribution to the FTI Catalytic Fund
- G. Providing, keeping and rewarding good teachers
- H. Developing TVET methodologies and services for the informal economy
- I. Supporting non-State actors in their efforts to fight adult female illiteracy and promoting women's property ownership
- J. Strengthening the capacity of non-State actors to promote women's rights and gender equality in the 10 Mediterranean ENPI countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Syria and Tunisia, and Mauritania (a member of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership)
- K. Support for social inclusion and social protection of workers in the informal economy and of vulnerable groups at community level
- L. Children's participation
- M. Access to local culture, protection and promotion of cultural diversity
- N. Rehabilitation of cultural heritage in old Havana (Palacio del Segundo Cabo)
- O. Support measures for the programme

2) The maximum Community contribution to the 2009 Action Programme is set at EUR 131 345 806, to be financed from budget items 21 05 01 01, 21 05 01 02, 21 05 01 03, 21 05 01 04 and budget article 21 05 02 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2009, as specified in the attached Annexes. This amount includes EUR 2 167 500 placed in reserve by the Budgetary Authority under budget item 21.050102.

3) Subject to the adoption of the 2010 budget by the Budgetary Authority, the provisional maximum Community contribution to the 2010 Part 1 Action Programme is set at EUR 48 500 000, to be financed from budget items 21 05 01 01, 21 05 01 02, 21 05 01 03 and 21 05 01 04 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2010, as specified in the attached Annexes.

- A provisional maximum amount of EUR 8 000 000 will be added to finance selected projects under the call for proposals mentioned in Annex A (Health workers), and a provisional maximum amount of EUR 18 000 000 will be added to finance selected projects under the call for proposals mentioned in Annex E (reproductive Health), to be financed from budget item 21.050101 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2010.

- A provisional maximum amount of EUR 9 000 000 will be added to finance selected projects under the call for proposals mentioned in Annex H (TVET), to be financed from budget item 21.050102 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2010.

- A provisional maximum amount of EUR 3 500 000 will be added to finance selected projects under the call for proposals mentioned in Annex J (Gender equality - ENPI), to be financed from budget item 21.050104 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2010.

- A provisional maximum amount of EUR 10 000 000 will be added to finance selected projects under the call for proposals mentioned in Annex K (Social inclusion), to be financed from budget item 21.050103 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2010.

4) This decision shall also cover any possible interest due for late payment.

Article 2

Within the maximum indicative budget of all the specific actions, cumulative changes not exceeding 20% of the maximum Community contribution are not considered to be substantial provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the Action Programme.

The authorising officer may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

Member of the Commission