

## COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 13/07/2011

**on the Annual Action Programme 2011 part 2 in favour of Bangladesh to be financed under Article 19.100101 of the general budget of the European Union**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the Regulation (EC) No. 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006, establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 22 DCI, thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Bangladesh (2007 – 2013)<sup>2</sup> and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2011 – 2013<sup>3</sup>, point 4. Part III Focal Area 2 of which provides inter alia for support for the implementation of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord.
- (2) On 26 July 2010, by Decision C(2010)5009, the Commission adopted the Annual Action Programme for Bangladesh 2010 and 2011 part 1.
- (3) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme 2011 part 2 are to promote an 'Enabling environment for local development, contributing to the achievement of local Millennium Development Goals targets in 25 Upazila in the Chittagong Hill Tracts by end 2013' by increasing the capacity of Chittagong Hill Tracts government and community institutions to deliver services and manage development activities. This objective will be achieved through working on three fronts including: Advocacy and confidence building initiatives in support of a peaceful and enabling environment for development in the Chittagong Hill Tracts; Capacity development of local, government, traditional and civil institutions, to improve the formulation and monitoring of development plans, achievement of Millennium Development Goals and upward and downward accountability between institutions and communities; Investments in community based assets, local infrastructures and social services, to enable implementation of local development plan agreed between communities and institutions. In particular, the project will promote the participatory preparation of area specific development plans, linked to Millennium Development Goals indicators, and

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 58

<sup>2</sup> C(2007) 1480

<sup>3</sup> C(2010) 3896

will support community based projects that will directly impact on the development plans. By directing funding through the Government local Institutions and linking them with the Union level, their role and capacity to plan and manage local development will be enhanced so to obtain a direct impact on the achievement of local Millennium Development Goals. The Annual Action Programme for Bangladesh part 2 is submitted as an early action, in order to bridge the funding gap with the previous programme phase, which ended in November 2010.

- (4) The present 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<sup>4</sup> (hereafter 'the Financial Regulation') and Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget<sup>5</sup> (hereafter 'the Implementing Rules').
- (5) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by the present Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment on the basis of articles 83 of the Financial Regulation and 106(5) of its Implementing Rules.
- (6) The Commission is required to define the term “substantial change” in the meaning of Article 90 (4) of the Implementing Rules to ensure that any substantial change in this Decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial decision.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the DCI Committee set up under Article 35 of Regulation (EEC) No 1905/2006,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

The Annual Action Programme 2011 part 2 in favour of Bangladesh, constituted by the action “Supporting Local Development in the Chittagong Hill Tracts”, the text of which is set out in the attached Annex, is approved.

#### *Article 2*

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the Annual Action Programme 2011 part 2 is set at EUR 24 000 000 to be financed from budget line 19.100101 of the general budget of the European Union for 2011.

This maximum contribution shall also cover any possible interests due for late payment.

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<sup>4</sup> OJ L 248 of 16.09.2002 p. 1.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 357 of 31.12.2002, p.1.

### *Article 3*

Cumulated changes of the allocations to the specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the European Union shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the Annual Action Programme. This may include an increase of the maximum contribution of the European Union up to 20%.

The relevant authorising officer may amend the present Decision to introduce non substantial changes to the Annual Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Commission*

*Andris Piebalgs*

ANNEX

"Action Fiche - Supporting Local Development in the Chittagong Hill Tracts"