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The EU approves EUR 26 million in favour of Ghana to support governance, civil society and trade

Today, the European Commission approved four actions for a total amount of EUR 26 million in favour of Ghana in the framework of its Annual Action Programme for 2010, financed from the 10th European Development Fund.

"The Annual Action Programme for 2010 covers essential programmes for the development of Ghana such as governance and trade. With this funding, the EU shows its support to consolidating democracy and strengthening both economic growth and trade potentials", said Claude MAERTEN, Head of the EU Delegation in Ghana.

The first programme is to support to independent governance institutions involved in the electoral process, in media monitoring, in civic education and in human rights protection. It aims at contributing to the further deepening and consolidation of Ghana's democracy. It will be allocated EUR 7 million.

The second programme is called "TRAQUE", which stands for "Trade Related Assistance and Quality Enabling" Programme. It will be allocated EUR 9 million to provide trade related capacity building and quality infrastructure to stimulate trade led pro-poor growth.

The third programme is a Support of EUR 8 million to Civil Society and business associations. Its objective is to contribute to poverty reduction through increased accountability and responsiveness of government, traditional authorities, and private enterprises to Ghanaian citizens.

The last action is a Technical Cooperation Facility, which provides for EUR 2 million to support the identification and implementation of actions under the National Indicative Programme (NIP) and other EU programmes.

All the above mentioned programmes have been prepared in close collaboration with Government of Ghana.

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