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[Signature]

Karl von Kempis

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Your Excellency,

During the course of 2003 and 2004, your authorities have submitted lists of measures which they wished to be considered as existing aid within the meaning of Article 88(1) EC. In accordance with the procedure provided for in Annex IV, Chapter 3, paragraph (1)(c) (under Article 22) of the Treaty of Accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the European Union, these measures have been examined by the Commission.

I have the honour to inform you that the Commission has decided not to raise any objections to the measures included in the list annexed to this letter on the grounds that there are no serious doubts as to their compatibility with the common market. They will therefore be regarded as existing aid within the meaning of Article 88(1) of the EC Treaty from the date of accession.

This decision does not prejudge any future decision by the Commission on the existing aid status of the measures submitted by your authorities but not included in the list annexed to this letter.

His Excellency Mr. László Kovács
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Bem rakpart 47
1027 Budapest
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The Hungarian authorities are reminded that the interim procedure for existing aid does not apply to aid to the transport sector, nor to activities linked to the production, processing or marketing of products listed in Annex I to the EC Treaty with the exception of fisheries products and products derived thereof. Therefore, this decision explicitly excludes these sectors and any existing aid for such sectors must be communicated separately to the Commission pursuant to the rules applicable to the sector concerned.

Yours faithfully,

For the Commission

Mario MONTI
Member of the Commission

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Annex: State aid measures in Hungary considered to be existing aid within the meaning of Article 88(1) EC from the date of the accession of Hungary to the European Union

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