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COMMISSION DECISION

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**on the Annual Action Programme 2010 in favour of Saint Kitts and Nevis to be financed
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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000¹, revised by the Agreement of 25 June 2005² signed in Luxemburg, and in particular Article 34 of Annex IV thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 617/2007 of 14 May 2007 on the implementation of the 10th European Development Fund under the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement³, and in particular Article 7 thereof.

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 215/2008 of 18 February 2008 on Financial Regulation applicable to the 10th European Development Fund⁴ and in particular Articles 21(a), 22 and 23 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted Country Strategy Paper for Saint Kitts and Nevis and the Multiannual National Indicative Programme for the period 2008-2013⁵, points 2, 3 and 5 of which provide for the following priority: public safety and security.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme are to improve safety and security conditions in Saint Kitts and Nevis in order to ensure a stable environment for sustainable growth and investment. The purpose is to support the enhancement and modernisation of safety and security in Saint Kitts and Nevis by building capacity, institutional strengthening, developing human resources, and upgrading infrastructure.
- (3) The measures covered by this Decision are in conformity with the objectives of development finance co-operation as defined in Article 55 of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement.

¹ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3

² OJ L 287, 28.10.2005, p. 5

³ OJ L 152, 13.6.2007, p. 1

⁴ OJ L 78, 19.03.2008, p. 1

⁵ C (2007) 6447 of 13.12.2007. The CSP/NIP was signed on 11.12.2008

- (4) This decision constitutes a Financing Decision within the meaning of Article 16 of Annex IV to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement and Article 67 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the 10th European Development Fund.
- (5) It is appropriate to define the term “substantial change” within the meaning of Article 7 of Regulation (EC) N° 617/2007 to ensure that any substantial change in this decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial Decision.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European Development Fund Committee set up by Article 8 of the Internal Agreement of 17 July 2006.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annual Action Programme 2010 in favour of Saint Kitts and Nevis, constituted by the action "Safety and Security Improvement Programme", 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 is set at EUR 5 625 000, to be financed from the 10th European Development Fund.

Article 3

Cumulated changes of the allocations to the specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution authorised by this decision 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 authorised by this decision up to 20%.

The relevant authorising officer may amend the present Decision to introduce non-substantial changes in the 2010 Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 17/12/2010

For the Commission

Member of the Commission

"ANNEX

Action fiche: Safety and Security Improvement Programme"