COMMISSION DECISION

on the Annual Action Programme 2008 in favour of Brazil to be financed under Article 19 09 01 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 the Council, of 18 December 2006, establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation, and in particular Article 22 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Brazil and the Multianual Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2013, which indicates the priority of enhancing bilateral relations between the EC and Brazil (point 5.1) and foresees the development of a higher education programme to facilitate access to European Higher Education Area for Brazilian postgraduate students and university professionals in order to increase their employability skills and opportunities in their country (National Indicative Programme, point 5.2)

(2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme are to improve the Brazilian higher education system, through establishing stronger links between European and Brazilian academic institutions, and to improve employability of Brazilian youths, by encouraging and enabling Brazilian students to complete graduate and postgraduate studies in Europe.


1 OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, P.41
2 C(2007) 2032, 14.05.2007
laying down detailed rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities\(^4\).


(5) The Commission is required to define the term “substantial change” in 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.

(6) 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:

\textit{Article 1}

The Annual Action Programme in favour of Brazil, constituted by the action “Academic Mobility Programme (Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window for Brazil)”, the text of which is set out in the attached Annex, is approved.

\textit{Article 2}

The maximum contribution of the Community to the Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 18,605,000.00 to be financed from budget line 19 09 01 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2008.

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

\textit{Article 3}

Within the global indicative budget of the specific action, cumulated changes not exceeding 20\% of the maximum contribution of the Community, shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the Annual Action Programme.

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

Done at Brussels, (…)

\textit{For the Commission}

(…)

\textit{Member of the Commission}

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