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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 389/2006 of 27 February 2006 establishing an instrument of financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community¹, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Following the accession of Cyprus, the application of the *acquis* is suspended pursuant to Article 1(1) of Protocol No 10 to the Act of Accession 2003 in the areas of the Republic of Cyprus in which the Government of the Republic of Cyprus does not exercise effective control (hereinafter referred to as 'the areas').
- (2) Pursuant to Article 3(1) of Protocol No 10, nothing in the Protocol precludes measures with a view to promoting the economic development of the areas.
- (3) Council Regulation (EC) No 389/2006 lays down the rules and conditions for the granting of assistance for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community.
- (4) Following the European Parliament resolution on missing persons in Cyprus adopted on 15 March 2007², the Budgetary Authority decided for the further support of the Committee on Missing Persons under the 2010 budget in addition to the support of € 3.5 million granted from the EU budget in 2008 and 2009.
- (5) The Committee on Missing Persons, established under the auspices of the United Nations and with the participation of the International Committee of the Red Cross, has a *de facto* monopoly both technically and politically for these activities.
- (6) The United Nations Development Programme implemented the previous € 3.5 million assistance financed by the EU budget. .
- (7) The Committee referred to in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 389/2006 will be informed of this Decision.

¹ OJ L 65, 7.3.2006, p. 5.

² OJ C 301 E, 13.12.2007, p. 243

DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The 2010 Support of the Committee on Missing Persons as described in Annex is hereby adopted for a maximum amount of € 3 000 000 to be charged to budget heading 22 02 07 03 of the 2010 General Budget of the European Union. This assistance will be implemented by the Commission and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-Committee of Missing Persons according to art 53 d of the Financial Regulation.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
Štefan Füle
Member of the Commission

