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(1) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 (2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities\(^1\), Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of that Regulation\(^2\).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1**

The actions, "Modernisation of the Lebanese Judiciary" (EUR 10 million), "Support to Local Development in Northern Lebanon" (EUR 18 million)," and "Reinforcement of the Private Sector Competitiveness" (EUR 14 million) which constitute the Annual Action Programme 2008 in favour of Lebanon, the text of which is set out in the Annex, are approved.

**Article 2**

The maximum contribution of the Community is set at EUR 42 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2008.

**Article 3**

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

The authorising officer may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 4.7.2008

For the Commission
Benita FERRERO-WALDNER
Member of the Commission

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