FINANCING MEMORANDUM

The European Commission, hereinafter referred to as "THE COMMISSION", acting for and on behalf of the European Community, hereinafter referred to as "THE COMMUNITY" on the one part, and

The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria, hereinafter referred to as "THE RECIPIENT" on the other part,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

The measure referred to in Article I below shall be executed and financed out of the budget resources of THE COMMUNITY - in accordance with the provisions set out in this Memorandum. The technical, legal, and administrative framework within which the measure referred to in Article I below shall be implemented is set out in the General Conditions annexed to the Framework Agreement between THE COMMISSION and THE RECIPIENT, and supplemented by the terms of this Memorandum and the Special Provisions annexed hereto.

ARTICLE 1 - NATURE AND SUBJECT

As part of its aid programme, THE COMMUNITY shall contribute, by way of grant, towards the financing of the following MEASURE:

Programme number: BG.9919
Title: Phare 2000/2001: Project Preparation Facility
Duration: Until 31 December 2001

ARTICLE 2 - COMMITMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

The financial contribution of THE COMMUNITY is fixed at a maximum of € 2.5 million hereinafter referred to as "THE EC GRANT".

ARTICLE 3 - DURATION AND EXPIRY

For the present MEASURE, THE EC GRANT is hereby available for contracting until 31 December 2001, subject to the provisions of this Memorandum. All contracts must be signed by this date. Any balance of funds of the EC GRANT which have not been contracted by this date shall be cancelled. The deadline for disbursement of THE EC GRANT is 31 December 2002. All disbursements must be completed by the deadline for disbursement. THE COMMISSION may however, in exceptional circumstances, agree to an appropriate extension of the contracting period or of the disbursement period, should this be requested in due time and properly justified by THE RECIPIENT. This Memorandum shall expire at the expiry of the disbursement period of the EC GRANT. All the funds which have not been disbursed shall be returned to the Commission.

ARTICLE 4 - ADDRESSES

Correspondence relating to the execution of THE MEASURE, stating THE MEASURE’S number and title, shall be addressed to the following:
for the COMMUNITY:
Delegation of the European Commission to Bulgaria
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World Trade Center
36, Blvd. Dragan Tsankov
1040 Sofia
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for THE RECIPIENT:
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Department for European Integration
2 Alexander Jendov Str.
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ARTICLE 5 - NUMBER OF ORIGINALS

This Memorandum is drawn up in duplicate in the English language.

ARTICLE 6 - ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date on which it has been signed by both parties.
No expenditure incurred before this date is eligible for the EC GRANT.

The Annexes shall be deemed an integral part of this Memorandum.

Done at Sofia
Date 30.12.1999

for THE RECIPIENT

Mrs. N. Mihaylova
Minister of Foreign Affairs
National Phare Coordinator

for THE COMMUNITY

Mr. J. Wunenburger
Head of European Commission
Delegation to the Republic of Bulgaria

Annex 1 Framework Agreement
Annex 2 General Conditions (Annex A+B)
Annex 3 Special Provisions (Annex C)