FINANCING AGREEMENT

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 Bulgaria, hereinafter referred to as "THE RECIPIENT"

on the other part,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

The measure referred to in Article 1 below shall be executed and financed out of the budget resources of THE COMMUNITY in accordance with the provisions set out in this Agreement. The technical, legal, and administrative framework within which the measure referred to in Article 1 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 Agreement 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: 2005/17-519.01
Title: Programme for Community support in the field of Nuclear Safety for Bulgaria
Duration: Until 30/11/2007

ARTICLE 2 - COMMITMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

The financial contribution of THE COMMUNITY is fixed at a maximum of 3,925,000 € 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 30/11/2007 subject to the provisions of this Agreement. All contracts must be signed by this

1 The Financing Agreement structure is as follows: 1. the coverpages with the references to the country concerned, amount and authority to sign, 2. Framework Agreement incl. Annex A and Annex B; Annex C – Special Conditions (the text of the adopted financing proposal starting from Description and Objectives onwards; and Annex D 'Visibility/Publicity.
date. Any balance of funds of the EC GRANT, which have not been contracted by this date shall be cancelled.

The deadline for execution of contracts of THE EC GRANT is **30/11/2008**. THE COMMISSION may however, in exceptional circumstances, agree to an appropriate extension of the contracting period or of the contract execution period, should this be requested in due time and properly justified by THE RECIPIENT. Disbursements of funds may continue for up to 12 months after the deadline for the execution of contracts to meet liabilities properly incurred through the execution of the contracts entered into under this programme. This Financing Agreement shall expire once those disbursements have been completed. All the funds which have not been disbursed by that time shall then 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:**

*Mr Demetre Kourkoulas*
*Delegation of the European Commission*
*9 Moscovska Str.*
*1000 Sofia*
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*Tel: (+359. 2) 933 5252*
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**for THE RECIPIENT:**

*Mr Milen Velchev*
*Minister of Finance (National Aid Co-ordinator)*
*Ministry of Finance*
*102, Rakovski St.*
*1040 Sofia*
*Bulgaria*

**ARTICLE 5 - NUMBER OF ORIGINALS**

This Agreement is drawn up in duplicate in the English language.
ARTICLE 6 - ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Agreement 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 Agreement.

Done at ............... Done at .................
Date Date

for THE RECIPIENT for THE COMMUNITY
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Encl.
2. Special Provisions (Annex C)
3. Visibility/Publicity (Annex D)