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Ghas-Segretarju Ġenrali,

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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession 2003, in particular Article 34 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 34 of the Act of Accession provides the possibility of granting a temporary financial assistance, the Transition Facility, to the new Member States to address the continued need for strengthening institutional capacity in certain areas through actions which cannot be financed by the Structural Funds,

(2) The actions funded by this Decision in the areas of internal market, environment, justice and home affairs, agriculture and strengthening of public administration capacity are eligible for funding according to Article 34(2) of the Act of Accession. The actions funded by this Decision in the areas of transport and social policy and employment aim at strengthening public administration according to the needs identified in the Commission’s comprehensive monitoring report which are not covered by the Structural Funds. These actions are therefore also eligible for financing according to Article 34(2) of the Act of Accession.

(3) Pursuant to Article 34(4) of the Act of Accession, the Transition Facility is implemented in accordance with Article 53(1)(b) of Council Regulation 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

(4) An Implementing Agency should be designated complying with the criteria set out in Article 164 of the Financial Regulation and having adequate staff resources. The Commission has satisfied itself in the context of preparation for conferral of management of aid provided under pre-accession aid, as well as through a number of other checks, that those criteria are fulfilled by the Department of Contracts in the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Malta.
The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on Aid for Economic Restructuring in certain countries in Central and Eastern Europe, rendered in its meeting on 16 July 2004.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Commission hereby approves a financial contribution of €11,800,000 from the Transition Facility to the Republic of Malta, hereinafter called 'the Beneficiary State', to finance actions in accordance with the annex to this Decision.

Article 2

1. This Decision shall be implemented on a decentralised basis, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding on the Implementation of the Transition Facility, signed with the Republic of Malta on 22/07/2004.

2. The Department of Contracts in the Ministry of Finance of Malta shall be Implementing Agency for the Programme.

Article 3

1. Contracts covered by the financial contribution shall be signed no later than 15 December 2006.

2. The deadline for execution of contracts shall be 15 December 2007.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Malta.

Done at Brussels, 12-VIII-2004

For the Commission

Günter VERHEUGEN

Member of the Commission

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For the Secretary-General

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Patricia BIGNOT
Director of the Registry