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 Slovenia, 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 Memorandum. 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 of 7\textsuperscript{th} October 1992 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: ZZ9916(SI/RA/03)

Title: “Transfer of Western regulatory methodology and practice to the Nuclear Safety Authority of Slovenia (3\textsuperscript{rd} year), including technical assistance in reviews of seismic and PSA studies of the NPP Krško”

Programme number: ZZ9916(PH6.02/99/si)

Title: “Installation of RODOS system in Slovenia”

Duration: Until 31/12/2004

ARTICLE 2 - COMMITMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

The financial contribution of THE COMMUNITY is fixed at a maximum of 1.4 MEUR 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 31/12/2004 subject to the provisions of his 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 31/12/2005. 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:

European Commission Delegation in Ljubljana
Trg Republike, 3, XI,
1000 Ljubljana
SLOVENIA

Fax: (386-1) 4252085

for THE RECIPIENT:

H.E.Mr.Janez Potočnik
Minister for European Affairs
Government Office for European Affairs
Phare National Co-ordinator
Šubičeva 11,
1000 Ljubljana
SLOVENIA

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 Ljubljana, 12.06.2002

Done at Ljubljana, 12.06.2002
for THE RECIPIENT

for THE COMMUNITY

Encl.
1. Framework Agreement (Annexes A & B)
2. Special Provisions (Annex C)
3. Visibility/Publicity (Annex D)
FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

The Commission of the European Communities, hereinafter referred to as "THE COMMISSION", acting for and on behalf of the European Economic Community, hereinafter referred to as "the Community"

of the one part, and

The Government of Slovenia, acting on behalf of the Republic of Slovenia, hereinafter referred to as Slovenia,

of the other part,

and together, jointly referred to as "the Contracting Parties"

Whereas Slovenia is eligible to be a recipient under the Community’s aid programme PHARE as provided for in the European Community Council Regulation no 3906/89 of 18 December 1989 as last amended by Regulation no 2334/92 of 11th August 1992,

Whereas it is fitting that the technical, legal and administrative framework within which MEASURES financed in Slovenia under the Community’s aid programme shall be executed, should be laid down.

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

In order to promote cooperation between the Contracting Parties with a view to supporting the process of economic and social reform in Slovenia, the Contracting Parties agree to implement MEASURES in the field of financial, technical, and other forms of cooperation as specified in the said Regulation, which shall be financed and implemented within the technical, legal and administrative framework laid down in this Agreement. The specific details of each MEASURE (or set of MEASURES) shall be set out in a memorandum to be agreed between the Contracting Parties (hereinafter referred to as "the financing memorandum"), a model of which is provided in annex C.

Slovenia takes all necessary steps in order to ensure the proper execution of all measures.

ARTICLE 2

Each MEASURE which is financed within the framework of this Agreement shall be implemented in accordance with the General Conditions set out in Annex A hereto, which shall be deemed to be incorporated in each financing memorandum. The financing memorandum may vary or supplement the General conditions as may be necessary for the implementation of the measure in question.

ARTICLE 3

For matters relating to the MEASURES financed within the framework of this Agreement, the COMMISSION shall be represented in Slovenia by its Delegation in Ljubljana once it is established which shall ensure, on behalf of the COMMISSION, that the MEASURE is executed in accordance with sound financial and technical practices.
ARTICLE 4

When the Contracting Parties so agree, the COMMISSION may delegate all or part of its responsibility for implementation of a MEASURE to a third party.

In that event the terms and conditions of such delegation shall be set forth in an agreement to be concluded between the COMMISSION and the third party, subject to the consent of the Government of Slovenia.

ARTICLE 5

Any dispute relating to this Agreement which cannot be resolved by consultation shall be settled according to the arbitration procedure referred to in Annex B.

ARTICLE 6

This Agreement is drawn up in the English language in two original copies.

ARTICLE 7

This Agreement shall enter into force on the day the Contracting Parties inform each other of its approval in accordance with the existing internal legislation or procedure of each of the Parties. The Agreement shall continue to be in force for an indefinite period unless terminated upon written notification by one of the Contracting Parties to the other.

On termination of this Agreement any MEASURE still in the course of execution shall be carried out to its completion in accordance with the terms of the financing memorandum relating thereto, and of the General Conditions set out herein.

ARTICLE 8

1. provisions of this Agreement shall also apply to technical cooperation and other operations convened between the Contracting Parties which by their nature are not covered by a specific memorandum financed under the PHARE aid programme at the request of the Government of Slovenia.

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

Done at Ljubljana on the ..........day of ........ in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety two.

THE GOVERNMENT OF SLOVENIA

Prof. Peter Tancig,
Minister of Science and Technology

THE COMMUNITY

Mr. ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

BRUSSELS
7 -10- 1992
ANNEX A
GENERAL CONDITIONS RELATING TO FINANCING MEMORANDA

In these General Conditions the term "THE RECIPIENT" shall be understood as referring to the Government of Slovenia.

TITLE I - FINANCING OF PROJECTS

ARTICLE 1 - COMMITMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

The commitment of the Community, hereinafter referred to as "the EEC Grant", the amount of which is laid down in the financing memorandum, shall determine the limit within which commitment and execution of payments shall be carried out through duly approved contracts and estimates.

Any expenditure over and above the EEC Grant shall be borne by THE RECIPIENT.

ARTICLE 2 - AVAILABILITY OF THE EEC GRANT

Where the execution of a MEASURE depends on financial commitments from THE RECIPIENT'S own resources or from other sources of funds, the EEC Grant shall become available at such time as the financial commitments of THE RECIPIENT and/or the other sources of funds, as set out in the financing memorandum, themselves become available.

ARTICLE 3 - DISBURSEMENT

Contracts are eligible for disbursements under this financing memorandum only if they are concluded before the expiry date of the Financing Memorandum. Disbursements on such contracts may take place during a maximum period of 12 months after the expiry date of the Financing Memorandum. Any exceptional extension of this period must be approved by the Commission.

Within the limit set on the EEC Grant, requests for funds in the form of a work programme shall be presented to the Commission Delegation by the RECIPIENT in accordance with the schedule set out in the financing memorandum. Documentary evidence relating to payments made in respect of THE MEASURE shall be made available in support of the request for funds, where the Commission so requires.

However, certain contracts covered by THE MEASURE may provide for direct payment by THE COMMISSION to the contractors. Each contract shall lay down the rate and the time of such payments, together with the documentary evidence to be produced.

For the part of the programme implemented by the Recipient, the Implementing Authority shall submit in a Work Programme and not later than 9 months before the expiry date of the Financing Memorandum, for approval by the Commission the contracts that still have to be concluded for the implementation of the programme. The Work Programme should include proposals for the utilisation of the net interests accrued on the accounts opened in the implementation of the programme, under the condition that the whole of the EC grant will be previously committed.

As regards MEASURES executed on the basis of prepared estimates, a first payment instalment which, save where the financing memorandum otherwise provides, shall not exceed 20% of the amount of the estimate approved by THE COMMISSION, may be made in favour of THE
RECIPIENT in order to facilitate the launching of THE MEASURE. Other payment instalments shall be made available, at the request of THE RECIPIENT, subject to the same conditions set out in the paragraph 2 above.

**TITLE II - PROCUREMENT**

**ARTICLE 4 - GENERAL**

The procedure to be followed for the conclusion of works, supplies, and technical cooperation contracts, shall be laid down in the financing memorandum following the principles set out below.

**ARTICLE 5 - CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

1. Save under the conditions of art.6 THE COMMISSION and THE RECIPIENT take the MEASURES necessary to ensure equality of conditions for participation in such contracts, in particular by publication, in due time of invitations to tender. Such publication is to be made for the Community at least in the Official Journal of the European Communities and for the beneficiary states in the appropriate official journal.

2. General conditions of contracts shall be drawn up in conformity with the models in international use, such as the general regulations and conditions for supply contracts financed from PHARE funds.

**ARTICLE 6 - DEROGATION FROM STANDARD PROCEDURES**

Where the urgency of the situation is recognized or where justified on account of the nature, minor importance, or particular characteristics of certain MEASURES, (for example two stage financing operations, multi-phased operations, particular technical specifications, etc.), and related contracts, THE RECIPIENT may, in agreement with THE COMMISSION, exceptionally authorize:

- the placing of contracts after restricted invitations to tender;
- the conclusion of contracts by direct agreement;
- the performance of contracts through public works departments.

Such derogation shall be laid down in the financing memorandum.

**ARTICLE 7 - AWARD OF WORKS AND SUPPLIES CONTRACTS**

THE COMMISSION and THE RECIPIENT shall ensure that for every operation, the offer selected is economically the most advantageous, particularly in view of the qualifications and guarantees offered by the tenderers, the cost and quality of the services, the nature and conditions for execution of the works or supplies, their cost of utilization and technical value.

Results of the invitations to tender shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Communities as quickly as possible.

**ARTICLE 8 - TECHNICAL COOPERATION CONTRACTS**

1. Technical Cooperation contracts, which may take the form of studies, supervision of works or technical assistance contracts, shall be concluded after direct negotiation with the consultant or when technical, economic or financial reasons so justify, following invitation to tender.

2. Contracts shall be drawn up, negotiated and concluded either by THE RECIPIENT or by THE COMMISSION when the financing memorandum so provides.
3. Where contracts are to be drawn up, negotiated and concluded by THE RECIPIENT, THE COMMISSION shall put forward a short list of one or more candidates on the basis of criteria guaranteeing their qualifications, experience and independence and taking into account their availability for the project in question.

4. When there is to be a direct negotiation procedure and THE COMMISSION has proposed several candidates, THE RECIPIENT may freely choose the candidate with which it intends to conclude the contract from among those put forward.

5. When there is recourse to a tendering procedure, the contract shall be awarded to the candidate which has submitted the offer which is acknowledged by THE RECIPIENT and THE COMMISSION to be economically the most advantageous.
TITLE III - GRANT OF FACILITIES

ARTICLE 9 - GENERAL PRIVILEGES

Personnel taking part in Community financed MEASURES and members of their immediate family may be accorded no less favourable benefits, privileges and exemptions than those usually accorded to other expatriates employed in the state of THE RECIPIENT under any other bilateral or multinational agreement or arrangements for economic assistance and technical cooperation programmes.

ARTICLE 10 - ESTABLISHMENT, INSTALLATION, ENTRY AND RESIDENCE FACILITIES.

In the case of works, supply or service contracts, natural or legal persons eligible to participate in tendering procedures shall be entitled to temporary installation and residence where the importance of the contract so warrants. This right shall be acquired only after the invitation to tender has been issued and shall be enjoyed by the technical staff needed to carry out studies preparatory to the drawing up of tenders; it shall elapse one month after the contractor is designated.

THE RECIPIENT shall permit personnel taking part in works, supplies or services contracts financed by the Community, and members of their immediate family, to enter the state of THE RECIPIENT, to establish themselves in the State, to work there and to leave the said State, as the nature of the contract so justifies.

ARTICLE 11 - IMPORT AND RE-EXPORT OF EQUIPMENT

THE RECIPIENT shall grant the permits necessary for the importation of professional equipment required to execute THE MEASURE, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations of THE RECIPIENT.

THE RECIPIENT shall further grant natural and legal persons who have executed works, supplies or services contracts the permits required to re-export the said equipment.

ARTICLE 12 - IMPORTS AND EXCHANGE CONTROL

For the execution of MEASURES, THE RECIPIENT undertakes to grant import authorizations and authorizations for the acquisition of the foreign exchange, and to apply national exchange control regulations without discrimination between Member States of the Community, Albania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Former Yougoslav Republic of Macedonia.

THE RECIPIENT shall grant the permits necessary to repatriate funds received in respect of THE MEASURE, in accordance with the foreign exchange control regulations in force in the state of THE RECIPIENT.

ARTICLE 13 - TAXATION AND CUSTOMS

1. Taxes, customs and import duties shall not be financed out the EEC Grant.

2. Imports under supply contracts concluded by the authorities of THE RECIPIENT and financed out of the EEC Grant shall be allowed to enter the state of THE RECIPIENT without being subject to customs duties, import duties, taxes or fiscal charges having equivalent effect.

- THE RECIPIENT shall ensure that the imports concerned will be released from the point of entry for delivery to the contractor as required by the provisions of the contract and for immediate use as required.
for the normal implementation of the contract, without regard to any delays or disputes over the settlement of the above-mentioned duties, taxes or charges.

3. Contracts for supplies or services provided by Slovenian or external firms, financed out of the EC Grant shall not be subject in the state of THE RECIPIENT to value added tax, documentary stamp or registration duties or fiscal charges having equivalent effect, whether such charges exist or are to be instituted.

4. Natural and legal persons, including expatriate staff, from the Member States of the European Community executing technical cooperation contracts financed out of the EEC Grant shall be exempted from business and income tax in the state of THE RECIPIENT.

5. Personal and household effects imported for personal use by natural persons (and members of their immediate families), other than those recruited locally, engaged in carrying out tasks defined in technical cooperation contracts shall be exempt from customs duties, import duties, taxes and other fiscal charges having equivalent effect, the said personal and household effects being either re-exported or disposed of in the state in accordance with the regulations in force in the state of THE RECIPIENT after termination of the contract.

6. Natural and legal persons importing professional equipment, as provided for in Article 11, shall, if they so request, benefit from the system of temporary admission as defined by the national legislation of THE RECIPIENT in respect of the said equipment.

**TITLE IV - EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS**

**ARTICLE 14 - ORIGIN OF SUPPLIES**

THE RECIPIENT agrees that, save when otherwise authorized by THE COMMISSION, materials and supplies required for execution of contracts must originate in the Community, Albania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

**ARTICLE 15 - PAYMENT PROCEDURES**

1. For contracts financed out of the EEC Grant, tenders shall be drawn up and payments made, either in European Currency Units (ECU), or in accordance with the foreign exchange laws and regulations of the RECIPIENT in the currency of THE RECIPIENT, or in the currency of the state where the tenderer has his registered place of business, or in the currency of the state where the supplies were produced.

2. When tenders are drawn up in ECU, payments relating thereto shall be made, as appropriate, in the currency named in the contract, on the basis of the equivalent value of the ECU on the day preceding payment.

3. THE RECIPIENT and THE COMMISSION shall take all measures necessary to ensure execution of payments within the shortest possible time.
TITLE V - COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE RECIPIENT

ARTICLE 16 - INSPECTION AND AUDIT

1. THE COMMISSION shall have the right to send its own agents or duly authorised representatives to carry out any technical or financial mission or audit that it considers necessary to follow the execution of THE MEASURE. However, THE COMMISSION shall give the authorities of THE RECIPIENT advance notice of such missions.

THE RECIPIENT shall supply all information and documents which shall be requested of it, and take all suitable measures to facilitate the work of persons instructed to carry out audits or inspections.

2. THE RECIPIENT shall:

(a) maintain records and accounts adequate to identify the works, supplies or services financed under the financing memorandum in accordance with sound accounting procedures;
(b) ensure that the aforementioned agents or representatives of THE COMMISSION have the right to inspect all relevant documentation and accounts pertaining to items financed under the financing memorandum, and assist the Court of Auditors of the European Communities to carry out audits relating to the utilization of the EEC Grant.

The Commission may also carry out an ex-post evaluation and a final audit of the programme. The ex-post evaluation will assess the achievement of the objectives/targets of the programmes as well as the impact on the development and restructuring of the sector concerned.

The final audit will review the local financial data of the programme, providing an independent opinion on the reliability and consistency of contracts and disbursements as well as their compliance with the provisions of the Financing Memorandum. The audit will establish the balance of uncommitted and/or undisbursed funds which shall be reimbursed to the Commission.

ARTICLE 17 - FOLLOW-UP OF MEASURES

In following the execution of THE MEASURE, THE COMMISSION may request any explanation and, where necessary, may agree with THE RECIPIENT on a new orientation for THE MEASURE which is deemed to be better adapted to the objectives in view.

THE RECIPIENT shall make reports to THE COMMISSION following the time-schedule laid down in the financing memorandum, throughout the period of execution of THE MEASURE and after completion thereof.

The Commission will in the light of the reports and where appropriate of the ex-post evaluation, proceed to the official closure of the programme and will inform the recipient country of the date of official closure of the programme.

TITLE VI - GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 18 - CONSULTATION - DISPUTES

1. Any question relating to execution or interpretation of the financing memorandum or these General Conditions shall be the subject of consultation between THE RECIPIENT and THE COMMISSION, leading, where necessary, to an amendment of the financing memorandum.

2. Where there is a failure to carry out an obligation set out in the financing memorandum and these General Conditions, which has not been the subject of remedial measures taken in due time, THE COMMISSION may suspend the financing of the MEASURE, after consultation with THE RECIPIENT.
3. THE RECIPIENT may renounce in whole or in part the execution of THE MEASURE. The Contracting Parties shall set out the details of the said renunciation in an exchange of letters.

ARTICLE 19 - NOTICE - ADDRESSES

Any notice and any agreement between the parties provided for herein must be the subject of a written communication referring explicitly to the number and title of THE MEASURE. Such notices or agreements shall be made by letter sent to the party authorized to receive the same, and sent to the address notified by the said party. In case of urgency, telefax, telegraphic or telex communications shall be permitted and deemed to have been validity served, provided that they are confirmed immediately by letter.

The addresses are set out in the financing memorandum.
ARBITRATION

Any dispute between the Contracting Parties, arising out the Framework Agreement or a financing memorandum, which is not settled by applying the procedures laid down in Article 18 of the general conditions relating to financing memorandum, shall be submitted to arbitration by an Arbitral Tribunal as hereinafter provided.

The parties to such arbitration shall be THE RECEPIENT on the one side and THE COMMISSION on the other side.

The Arbitral Tribunal shall consist of three arbitrators appointed as follows:

- one arbitrator shall be appointed by THE RECEPIENT
- a second arbitrator shall be appointed by THE COMMISSION
- the third arbitrator (hereinafter sometimes called "THE UMPIRE") shall be appointed by agreement of the parties or, if they shall not agree, by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

If either side fail to appoint an arbitrator, such arbitrator shall be appointed by THE UMPIRE.

Should any arbitrator appointed in accordance with this provision resign, die or become unable to act, another arbitrator shall be appointed in the same manner as the arbitrator whose place he takes: such successor shall have all the powers and duties of the original arbitrator.
ANNEX C - SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. OBJECTIVE AND DESCRIPTION

1.1 General objectives

By its decision of 22 December 1999 (PH/1999/6709), the Commission established the 1999 PHARE multi-country programme for nuclear safety (ZZ9916). By decision of 4 December 2001 (PH/2001/5005) the Commission amended the implementation rules to allow for an implementation in accordance with the Decentralised Implementation System (DIS).

1.2 Specific objectives

This Financing Memorandum represents such an agreement with regard to the implementation of two projects, namely the “Transfer of Western regulatory methodology and practice to the Nuclear Safety Authority of Slovenia (3rd year), including technical assistance in reviews of seismic and PSA studies of the NPP Krško”, and "Installation of the RODOS system in Slovenia". The two projects have as the Beneficiary, the Slovenian Nuclear Safety Administration (SNSA).

"Transfer of Western regulatory methodology and practice to the Nuclear Safety Authority of Slovenia (3rd year), including technical assistance in reviews of seismic and PSA studies of the NPP Krško”

The importance of ensuring a legally based, independent, technically strong regulatory authority is internationally recognised as a necessary basis for safety. The project follows up on needs for regulatory assistance to SNSA as identified in earlier assistance projects, financed by PHARE. The general objective of this project is to continue to strengthen and further enhance the effectiveness of the nuclear safety regime in Slovenia. One particular aspect of the project would deal with a transfer of methodology and know-how with regard to integration of the measurements of seismic properties of the region around Krško NPP in a regulatory review of the seismic strength of the NPP.

"Installation of the RODOS system in Slovenia".

In the PHARE 1998 nuclear safety programme, this project was originally described as project PH6.02/99, with the Czech Republic and Slovenia as its joint beneficiaries. As the project can be separated, technically and in terms of the allocated budget, into measures to be implemented in each of these two countries, the project has been divided into two country-specific projects to be implemented individually in the respective beneficiary country. The project for Slovenia that is the subject of this Financing Memorandum will therefore hitherto be referred to as project PH6.02/99/si.

The project aims at assisting the installation of the RODOS (Real-time, On-line, DecisiOn Support) system for the off-site management of nuclear emergencies. RODOS has been, or is being, installed in national emergency centres in several countries in Eastern and Western Europe for pre-operational use and evaluation; its installation in other countries is under consideration. The increasing use of RODOS is expected to result in an improved and more coherent response to any future accident that may affect Europe. This Project comprises procurement, installation and commissioning of computer hardware, software and peripheral Equipment. Subsequent to installation at its headquarters, SNSA as the designated operator and maintainer of the RODOS system, shall maintain the communication links and monitor the input/output of the RODOS system in normal operations and in emergencies.
The purpose of this Memorandum is to define the method of implementation according to the decided amendment.

3 Conditionalities

It is agreed to implement the programme, with regard to the said project, under the provisions of the Framework Agreement governing the use of PHARE funds, signed by the Government of Slovenia and the Commission of the European Communities in October 1992 and in accordance with this Financing Memorandum. Unless otherwise specified, the implementation procedure follows the Practical Guide to the PHARE, ISPA and SAPARD contract procedures.

The Community financial contribution is limited to the real cost of the mentioned project. The Community grant is subject to an expiry date, after which any balance of funds shall be cancelled. The Commission may, however, depending on the circumstances, agree to an appropriate extension of this expiry date, should such an extension be requested and properly justified by the Government of Slovenia in accordance with applicable procedures.

2. BUDGET (million EURO)

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3. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

The institutional arrangements are determined by the said Commission decision of 4 December 2001. This decision established the following amended
IMPLEMENTATION RULES

"On the basis of Financing Agreements to be reached with the Governments of beneficiary countries concerned, projects funded under this programme can be managed in accordance with the PHARE decentralised implementation system (DIS), as appropriate for each such project and in cases where the institutions of only one country are the project beneficiaries. Apart from applying the general rules for decentralised implementation, due regard is to be given to the "new rules for contracts in the field of nuclear safety" as adopted by the Commission on 6 September 2000 to the extent that their provisions do not solely address centrally implemented projects ("the Commission will..."). The National Aid Co-ordinators (NAC) will have overall responsibility for programming, monitoring and implementation of the PHARE programme. The National Aid Co-ordinators and the National Authorising Officers shall be jointly responsible for co-ordination between PHARE (including PHARE CBC), ISPA and SAPARD.

The National Funds (NF) in the respective Ministries of Finance or equivalent, headed by the National Authorising Officers (NAO), will supervise the financial management of the programme, and will be responsible for reporting to the European Commission, giving due regard to any special reporting and monitoring requirements that will apply to the implementation of nuclear safety projects under the DIS. The National Authorising Officers (NAO) shall have overall responsibility for financial management of the PHARE funds. The NAOs shall ensure that the PHARE rules, regulations and procedures pertaining to procurement, reporting and financial management are respected, and that a proper reporting and project information system is functioning. The NAOs shall have the full overall accountability for the PHARE funds of a programme until the closure of the programme.

Appropriate financial control shall be carried out by the competent National Control Authority with respect to the implementation of the programme.

The National Fund (NF) in each of the countries respectively is managed as follows:

- Bulgaria: Ministry of Finance
- Czech Republic: Ministry of Finance
- Estonia: Ministry of Finance
- Hungary: Ministry of Finance
- Latvia: Ministry of Finance
- Lithuania: Ministry of Finance
- Poland: Ministry of Finance
- Romania: Ministry of Public Finances
- Slovakia: Ministry of Finance
- Slovenia: Ministry of Finance

The Commission will transfer funds to the NFs in accordance with the current Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Commission and the respective Governments mostly in December 1998. Funds will be transferred following requests from the NAOs. A payment of up to 20% of the funds to be managed locally will be transferred to the respective NF following signature of the Financing Memorandum and the Financing Agreements (FAs) between the NF and the Implementing Agencies (IAs)/Central Finance and Contracts Unit (CFCU). Furthermore, the NAOs must submit to the Commission the designation of the PAOs and a description of the system put into place, highlighting the flow of information between the NF and the IA/CFCU and the manner in which the payment function will be carried out.

Four replenishments will be made of up to 20% of the funds to be managed locally or the full balance of the budget whichever is the lesser amount. The first replenishment will be
triggered when 10% of the budget has been disbursed by the IAs and the CFCU. The second replenishment may be requested when 30% of the total budget in force has been disbursed. The trigger point for the third replenishment is 50%, and for the final fourth replenishment when 70% is disbursed. Save for express prior authorisation from the Commission headquarters, no replenishment request may be made if the aggregate of the funds deposited in the NF and the IAs exceeds 10% of the total budget in force of the commitment. Exceptionally, the NAOs may request an advance payment of more than 20% in accordance with the procedures laid down in the aforesaid Memorandum of Understanding.

The respective CFCUs will be responsible for the project.

The respective NF will transfer funds to IAs, including the Central Financing and Contracts Unit (CFCU), in accordance with Financing Agreements (FA) signed between the NFs and the IAs/CFCU where applicable. Each individual FA will be endorsed in advance by the European Commission. In cases where the NF is itself the paying agent for the CFCU/IA there will be no transfer of funds from the NF to the CFCU/IA. The CFCU and the IAs must each be headed by a Programme Authorising Officer (PAO) appointed by the NAO after consultation with the NAC. The PAO will be responsible for all the operations carried out by the relevant CFCU/IA.

A separate bank account, denominated in € will be opened and managed by the NFs in a separate accounting system in the Central Bank (or in “a Bank agreed in advance with the Commission”). In principle, all bank accounts will be interest bearing. Interest will be reported to the European Commission. If the Commission so decides, on the basis of a proposal from the NAO, interest may be re-invested in the programme. The same procedures will apply to any funds transferred from an IA to the CFCU.

The NAOs and PAOs will ensure that all contracts are prepared in accordance with the procedures set out by the Commission. All contracts must be concluded by 31 December 2004, all disbursements must be made by 31 December 2005. Any funds not used by the expiry date of the programme will be recovered by the Commission.

For those contracts with funds retained for a warranty period extending beyond the end of the disbursement period of the programme, the overall total of funds related to those contracts, as calculated by the PAO and established by the Commission, will be paid to the IA/CFCU before the official closure of the programme. The IA/CFCUs assume full responsibility for depositing the funds until final payment is due and for ensuring that the said funds will only be used to make payments related to the retention clauses. The IA/CFCUs further assume full responsibility towards the contractors for fulfilling the obligations related to the retention clauses. Interests accrued on the funds deposited will be paid to the Commission after final payment to the contractors. Funds not paid out to the contractors after final payments have been settled shall be reimbursed to the Commission. An overview of the use of funds deposited on warranty accounts – and notably of the payments made out of them – and of interests accrued will annually be provided by the NAOs to the Commission.”

All other specifics are laid down by the Commission decisions establishing and extending the programme.

Regarding the Government of Slovenia that is Party to this Memorandum, the respective details of the acting authorities are as follows:

**National Fund:** Slovenian Ministry of Finance
4. MONITORING & ASSESSMENT

A Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) has been established which will include the NAO, the NAC and the Commission. The JMC will meet at least once a year to review all PHARE funded programmes in order to assess their progress towards meeting the objectives set out in FM and the Accession Partnership. The JMC may recommend a change of priorities and/or the reallocation of PHARE funds. The JMC is assisted by Monitoring Sub-Committees (MSC) that include the NAC, the PAO of the Implementing Agency (and of the CF CU where applicable) and the Commission Services. The MSC will review in detail the progress of each programme, including its components and contracts, on the basis of regular Monitoring and Assessment reports produced with the assistance of external consultants (in accordance with the provisions of the DIS Manual), and will put forward recommendations on aspects of management and design, ensuring these are effected. The MSC will report to the JMC, to which it will submit overall detailed reports on all PHARE financed programmes.

5. ANTI-FRAUD MEASURES, AUDIT AND EVALUATION

All financing memoranda as well as the resulting contracts are subject to supervision and financial control by the Commission (including the European Anti-fraud Office) and the Court of Auditors. This includes measures such as ex-ante verification of tendering and contracting carried out by the Delegation in the candidate country and on-the-spot checks.

In order to ensure efficient protection of financial interests of the Community, the Commission can conduct check-ups and inspections on site in accordance with the procedures foreseen in Council Regulation (EURATOM, EC) No. 2185/96 dated from 11 November 1996, concerning the on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities.

The procedures foreseen in Article 15 paragraph 3 of Commission Regulation No. 2222/2000 dated from 7 June 2000, on the communication in case of irregularities and the putting in place of a system to administrate the information in this field shall apply.

The accounts and operations of the National Fund and, where applicable, the CF CU and all relevant Implementing Agencies may be checked at the Commission's discretion by an outside auditor contracted by the Commission without prejudice to the responsibilities of the Commission and the European Union's Court of Auditors as referred to in the General Conditions relating to the Financing Memorandum attached to the Framework Agreement.
The Commission services shall ensure that an ex-post evaluation is carried out after completion of the Programme.

6. VISIBILITY / PUBLICITY

The appropriate Programme Authorising Officer will be responsible for ensuring that the necessary measures are taken to ensure appropriate publicity for all activities financed from the programme. This will be done in close liaison with the Commission Delegation. Further details are described in the Annex Visibility/Publicity.

7. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

In the event that agreed commitments are not met for reasons which are within the control of the Government concerned, the Commission may review the programme with a view, at the Commission's discretion, to cancelling all or part of it and/or to reallocate unused funds for other purposes consistent with the objectives of the PHARE programme.
ANNEX D

INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY FOR THE PHARE, ISPA AND SAPARD PROGRAMMES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1. Objective and scope

Information and publicity measures concerning assistance from the European Community Phare Programme are intended to increase public awareness and transparency of EU action and to create a consistent image of the measures concerned in all applicant countries. Information and publicity shall concern measures receiving a contribution from the Phare Programme.

2. General principles

The appropriate Programme Authorising Officer in charge of the implementation of Financing Memoranda, and other forms of assistance shall be responsible for publicity on the spot. Publicity shall be carried out in co-operation with the EC Delegations, which shall be informed of measures taken for this purpose.

The competent national and regional authorities shall take all the appropriate administrative steps to ensure the effective application of these arrangements and to collaborate with the EC Delegations on the spot.

The information and publicity measures described below are based on the provisions of the regulations and decisions applicable to the Structural Funds. They are:


Specific provisions concerning ISPA are included in:


Information and publicity measures must comply with the provisions of the above mentioned regulation and decision. A manual on compliance is available to national, regional and local authorities from the EC Delegation in the country concerned.

3. Information and publicity concerning Phare programmes

Information and publicity shall be the subject of a coherent set of measures defined by the competent national, regional and local authorities in collaboration with the EC Delegations for the duration of the Financing Memorandum and shall concern both programmes and other forms of assistance.
The costs of information and publicity relating to individual projects shall be met from the budget for those projects.

When Phare programmes are implemented, the measures set out at (a) and (b) below shall apply:

(a) The competent authorities of the applicant countries shall publish the content of programmes and other forms of assistance in the most appropriate form. They shall ensure that such documents are appropriately disseminated and shall hold them available for interested parties. They shall ensure the consistent presentation throughout the territory of the applicant country of information and publicity material produced.

(b) Information and publicity measures on the spot shall include the following:

(i) In the case of infrastructure investments with a cost exceeding EUR 1 million:

- billboards erected on the sites, to be installed in accordance with the provisions of the regulation and decision mentioned in paragraph 2 above, and the technical specifications of the manual to be provided by the EC Delegation in the country concerned.

- permanent commemorative plaques for infrastructures accessible to the general public, to be installed in accordance with the provisions of the regulation and decision mentioned in paragraph 2 above, and the technical specifications of the manual to be provided by the EC Delegation in the country concerned.

(ii) In the case of productive investments, measures to develop local potential and all other measures receiving financial assistance from Phare, Ispa or Sapard:

- measures to make potential beneficiaries and the general public aware of Phare, Ispa or Sapard assistance, in accordance with the provisions cited at paragraph 3(b)(i) above.

- measures targeting applicants for public aids part-financed by Phare, ISPA or SAPARD in the form of an indication on the forms to be filled out by such applications, that part of the aid comes from the EU, and specifically, the Phare, ISPA or SAPARD Programmes in accordance with the provisions outlined above.

4. Visibility of EU assistance in business circles and among potential beneficiaries and the general public

4.1 Business circles

Business circles must be involved as closely as possible with the assistance, which concerns them most directly.

The authorities responsible for implementing assistance shall ensure the existence of appropriate channels for disseminating information to potential beneficiaries, particularly SMEs. These should include an indication of the administrative procedures to be followed.
4.2 Other potential beneficiaries

The authorities responsible for implementing assistance shall ensure the existence of appropriate channels for disseminating information to all persons who benefit or could benefit from measures concerning training, employment or the development of human resources. To this end, they shall secure the co-operation of vocational training bodies involved in employment, business and groups of business, training centres and non-governmental organisations.

Forms

Forms issued by national, regional or local authorities concerning the announcement of, application for and grant of assistance intended for final beneficiaries or any other person eligible for such assistance shall indicate that the EU, and specifically the Phare, Ispa or Sapard Programmes, is providing financial support. The notification of aid sent to beneficiaries shall mention the amount or percentage of the assistance financed by the Programme in question. If such documents bear the national or regional emblem, they shall also bear the EU logo of the same size.

4.3 The general public

The media

The competent authorities shall inform the media in the most appropriate manner about actions co-financed by the EU, and Phare, ISPA or SAPARD in particular. Such participation shall be fairly reflected in this information.

To this end, the launch of operations (once they have been adopted by the Commission) and important phases in their implementation shall be the subject of information measures, particularly in respect of regional media (press, radio and television). Appropriate collaboration must be ensured with the EC Delegation in the applicant country.

The principles laid down in the two preceding paragraphs shall apply to advertisements such as press releases or publicity communiqués.

Information events

The organisers of information events such as conferences, seminars, fairs and exhibitions in connection with the implementation of operations part-financed by the Phare, Ispa or Sapard Programmes shall undertake to make explicit the participation of the EU. The opportunity could be taken of displaying the European flags in meeting rooms and the EU logo upon documents depending on the circumstances. The EC Delegation in the applicant country shall assist, as necessary, in the preparation and implementation of such events.

Information material

Publications (such as brochures and pamphlets) about programmes or similar measures financed or co-financed by Phare, Ispa or Sapard should, on the title page, contain a clear indication of the EU participation as well as the EU logo where the national or regional emblem is used.
Where such publications include a preface, it should be signed by both the person responsible in the applicant country and, for the Commission, the Delegate of the Commission to ensure that EU participation is made clear.

Such publications shall refer to the national and regional bodies responsible for informing interested parties.

The above-mentioned principles shall also apply to audio-visual material.

5. **Special arrangements concerning billboards, commemorative plaques and posters**

In order to ensure the visibility of measures part-financed by the Phare, Ispa or Sapard Programmes, applicant countries shall ensure that the following information and publicity measures are complied with:

**Billboards**

Billboards providing information on EU participation in the financing of the investment should be erected on the sites of all projects in which EU participation amounts to EUR 1 million or more. Even where the competent national or regional authorities do not erect a billboard announcing their own involvement in financing the EU assistance must nevertheless be announced on a special billboard. Billboards must be of a size which is appreciable to the scale of operation (taking into account the amount of co-financing from the EU) and should be prepared according to the instructions contained in the technical manual obtainable from EC Delegations, referred to above.

Billboards shall be removed not earlier than six months after completion of the work and replaced, wherever possible, by a commemorative plaque in accordance with the specifications outlined in the technical manual referred to above.

**Commemorative plaques**

Permanent commemorative plaques should be placed at sites accessible to the general public (congress centres, airports, stations, etc.). In addition to the EU logo, such plaques must mention the EU part financing together with a mention of the relevant Programme (Phare, Ispa or Sapard).

Where a national, regional or local authority or another final beneficiary decides to erect a billboard, place a commemorative plaque, display a poster or take any other step to provide information about projects with a cost of less than EUR 1 million, the EU participation must also be indicated.

6. **Final provisions**

The national, regional or local authorities concerned may, in any event, carry out additional measures if they deem this appropriate. They shall consult the EC Delegation and inform it of the initiatives they take so that the Delegation may participate appropriately in their realisation.
In order to facilitate the implementation of these provisions, the Commission, through its Delegations on the spot, shall provide technical assistance in the form of guidance on design requirements, where necessary. A manual will be prepared in the relevant national language, which will contain detailed design guidelines in electronic form and this will be available upon request.