COMMISSION DECISION C(2009)7521 of 07/10/2009

on the Annual Action Programme 2009 in favour of Jordan to be financed under Article 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Regulation (EC) $n^{\circ}1638/2006$ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)¹, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Jordan and the National Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2010,² priorities 3 and 4 of which prioritise support for:
 - Sustainability of the development process
 - Institution-building, financial stability and support for regulatory approximation.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme are to respond to the pressing economic and social challenges that Jordan is facing, with a particular focus on the points mentioned above.
- (3) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N°1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities³ and of Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom)) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002⁴.
- (4) The present decision covers any possible interest due for late payment on the basis of articles 83 of the Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 and 106(5) of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002.
- (5) The Commission is required to define the term "substantial change" in the meaning of Article 90 (4) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 to ensure that any substantial change in this decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial decision.
- (6) The measures provided for in this decision are in accordance with the opinion of the ENPI Committee set up under Article 26 of Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006,

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

² C(2007) 672.

³ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1605/2002 (OJ L 248, 16.09.2002) as last amended by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1995/2006 (OJ L 390, 30.12.2006) and by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1525/2007 of 17 December 2007 (OJ L 343, 27.12.2007, p.9.).

⁴ Commission Regulation (EC Euratom) N° 2342/2002 (OJ L 357, 31.12.2002) as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC Euratom) N° 478/2007 du 23/04/2007 (OJ L 111, 28.04.2007).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annual Action Programme in favour of Jordan, constituted by the actions "Support to the Employment and Technical Vocational Education and Training (E-TVET) strategy" (EUR 35 million), "Capacity-Building in Wind Energy and Concentrating Solar Power (WECSP) in Jordan" (EUR 10 million), "Building Development Capacities of Jordanian Municipalities" (EUR 3 million) and "Support to the Implementation of the Action Plan Programme II – SAPP II" (EUR 20 million), the text of which is set out in the attached Annexes, are approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the Community to the Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 68 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2009.

This decision shall also cover any possible interest due for late payment.

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 introduce non substantial changes to the Annual Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission Benita FERRERO-WALDNER Member of the Commission

<u>ANNEXES</u> <u>Annual Action Programme 2009 for Jordan:</u>

Annex 1: action fiche ''Support to the Employment and Technical Vocational Education and Training (E-TVET) strategy''

Annex 2: action fiche ''Capacity-Building in Wind Energy and Concentrating Solar Power (WECSP) in Jordan''

Annex 3: action fiche "Building Development Capacities of Jordanian Municipalities"

Annex 4: action fiche "Support to the Implementation of the Action Plan Programme II – SAPP II"