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COMMISSION DECISION

of

21 October 2009

on the Annual Action Programme 2009 in favour of South Africa to be financed under Article 21-060200 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 Regulation (EC) N0 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation¹, and in particular Article 22 thereof,

Having regard to Decision No 1298/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing the Erasmus Mundus 2009-2013 action programme for the enhancement of quality in higher education and the promotion of intercultural understanding through cooperation with third countries, and in particular Article 4.2 thereof, and point (b) under the selection procedures provided for in its Annex,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for South Africa and the Multi annual Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2013², point 3 of which provides for the following priorities: supporting employment creation and capacity development for service delivery and social cohesion, as well as good governance and regional integration, with the aim of contributing to the reduction of poverty and inequality.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the 2009 Action Programme are to contribute to poverty reduction in South Africa through increased access to quality education.
- (3) The present decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities³ and Article

¹ OJ L 378, 27.1.2006 p.41

² C/2007/4398-1

³ OJEU L 248 of 16.09.2002 p. 1

90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁴.

- (4) The maximum contribution of the Community set by the present decision should cover 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 Development Cooperation Instrument Committee set up under Article 35 of Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The 2009 Annual Action Programme in favour of South Africa, addressing poverty reduction through increased access to quality education, constituted by the actions:

- Primary education Sector Policy Support Programme, and
 - Erasmus Mundus Partnerships (Erasmus Mundus II, Action 2),
- the text of which is set out in the Annexes, is approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the Community to the 2009 Annual Programme is set at EUR 127.68 million to be financed from budget line B2009-21-060200 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2009.

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

Article 3

Within the global indicative budget of all the specific actions, cumulated changes not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the Community, shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the 2009 Annual Action Programme.

The authorising officer may introduce non substantial changes to the 2009 Annual Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 21.10.09

For the Commission

Member of the Commission

⁴ OJEU L 357 of 31.12 2002, p.1.

"ANNEXES

2009 Annual Action Programme of South Africa:

Annex 1: Primary Education Sector Policy Support Programme

Annex 2: Erasmus Mundus Partnerships (Erasmus Mundus II, Action 2)"