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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 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<sup>1</sup> and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Commission has adopted the ENPI Strategy Paper 2007-2013 for Georgia and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2010<sup>2</sup>, which indicates as priorities: rule of law and governance, support for economic development and ENP Action Plan implementation, support for poverty reduction and social reforms.

(2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme are as follows:

– **Support to the Vocational Education and Training (VET) Sector**

To contribute to the implementation of the national VET strategy, the main objective of which is to prepare a competitive work force for domestic and international markets, and to foster a convergence of the Georgian VET system towards EU standards. This will contribute to economic development, poverty reduction and social reforms in Georgia.

– **Twinning and Technical Assistance Facility to the EU-Georgia ENP AP implementation**

To support the Georgian administration and relevant institutions to enforce effectively the commitments set forth in the ENP Action Plan and their national reform programmes.

(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 Communities<sup>3</sup> and Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> C(2007) 672

<sup>3</sup> OJEU L 248 of 16.9.2002, p. 1

laying down detailed rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities<sup>4</sup>.

- (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) 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.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

The Annual Action Programme in favour of Georgia, constituted by the actions “Support to the Vocational Education and Training Sector” and “Twinning and Technical Assistance Facility to the EU-Georgia ENP Action Plan implementation”, the text of which is set out in the attached Annexes, is approved.

#### *Article 2*

The maximum contribution of the Community is set at EUR 27,400,000 to be financed from budget line 19 08.01.03 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 shall not be 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, 16.10.2009

*For the Commission*  
*Benita FERRERO-WALDNER*  
*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>4</sup> OJEU L 357 of 31.12.2002, p.1

## **ANNEXES**

Annual Action Programme 2009 in favour of Georgia

**Annex 1:** Action Fiche (Support to the Vocational Education and Training Sector)

**Annex 2:** Action Fiche (Twinning and Technical Assistance Facility to the EU-Georgia ENP Action Plan implementation)