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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 389/2006 of 27 February 2006 establishing an instrument of financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Following the accession of Cyprus, the application of the *acquis* is suspended pursuant to Article 1(1) of Protocol No 10 to the Act of Accession 2003 in the areas of the Republic of Cyprus in which the Government of the Republic of Cyprus does not exercise effective control (hereinafter referred to as 'the areas').
- (2) Pursuant to Article 3(1) of Protocol No 10, nothing in the Protocol precludes measures with a view to promoting the economic development of the areas.
- (3) Council Regulation (EC) No 389/2006 lays down the rules and conditions for the granting of assistance for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community.
- (4) One of the aims of Council Regulation (EC) No 389/2006 is to put an end of the isolation of Turkish Cypriot community and to bring it closer to the Union, through the scholarship programme.
- (5) According to Article 4 (3) of Regulation (EC) No 389/2006 assistance may also be used to cover in particular the costs for supporting activities such as preliminary and comparative studies, training, activities linked to preparing, appraising, managing, implementing, monitoring, controlling and evaluation of assistance, activities linked to information and visibility purposes as well as costs for supporting staff, renting of premises and supply of equipment.
- (6) The Committee referred to in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 389/2006 will be informed of this Decision.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 65, 7.3.2006, p.5

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

The 2009 Assistance Programme as described in Annex is hereby adopted for a maximum amount of € 2 500 000 to be charged to budget heading 22 02 07 03 of the 2009 General Budget of the European Communities. This Programme will be implemented by the European Commission according to Article 53 a of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N°1605/2002 of 25 June 2002<sup>2</sup> on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

Done at Brussels, [...]

*For the Commission*  
*Olli Rehn*  
*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>2</sup> OJ L248, 16.9.2002, p.1.

