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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) N° 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument<sup>1</sup>, and in particular titles III and IV and articles 6(1)(b), 9 and 12(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Cross-Border Co-operation Strategy Paper<sup>2</sup> and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2007/2010, which indicates the priorities of 1) promoting economic and social development in regions on both sides of common borders, 2) working together to address common challenges, in fields such as the environment, public health and the prevention of and the fight against organised crime, 3) ensuring efficient and secure borders and 4) promoting local cross border "people-to-people" actions.
- (2) The Commission has adopted the implementing rules for cross-border cooperation programmes financed under Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument<sup>3</sup>.
- (3) The objectives pursued by the joint operational programme "Mediterranean Sea Basin 2007-2013" are to develop an area of peace, stability and prosperity and good neighbourliness involving EU Mediterranean Countries and Mediterranean Partner Countries as they are listed in the Strategy Paper on Cross Border Cooperation Programmes within the ENPI. The programme focuses on the following four priorities for co-operation in the geographic area concerned: 1. Promotion of socio-economic development and enhancement of territories 2. Promotion of environmental sustainability at the Basin level 3. Promotion of better conditions and modalities for

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

<sup>2</sup> PE/2007/294, C/2007/672

<sup>3</sup> Commission Regulation (EC) No 951/2007, OJ L 210/10, 10.08.2007

ensuring the mobility of persons, goods and capitals.<sup>4</sup> Promotion of cultural dialogue and local governance

- (4) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002<sup>4</sup>, Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002<sup>5</sup> and Article 15 of the Internal Rules<sup>6</sup>.
- (5) It is appropriate to define the term “substantial change” in the meaning of Article 90 (4) Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 for the application of this decision.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The joint operational programme "Mediterranean Sea Basin 2007-2013" for the ENPI Cross-Border Co-operation 2007-2013, the text which is set out in Annex III, is approved.

*Article 2*

The maximum contribution of the Community for the period 2007-2013 is set at EUR 173,607,324 to be financed from budget lines 19 08 02 01 and 19 08 02 02 of the general budget of the European Communities .

The corresponding tranches will be committed on a yearly basis.

Done at Brussels, 14/VIII/2008.

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>4</sup> 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.).

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p.1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (CE, Euratom) No 478/2007 (JO L 111, 28.04.2007, p.13).

<sup>6</sup> SEC (2006) 131