



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

**fixing the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States contributing to the
European Development Fund (first instalment for 2007)**

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Since the entry into force of the Financial Regulation for the 9th European Development Fund (EDF) the Council decides, on a proposal from the Commission, on each of the three instalments to be paid by the Member States for the EDF. In the case of the 9th EDF instruments managed by the European Investment Bank (EIB), the Member States pay their contributions directly to the EIB. The contributions for other instruments are paid to the Commission.

In accordance with Article 121 of the 9th EDF Financial Regulation, the EIB has sent the Commission its estimates of commitments and payments under the instruments it manages.

This proposal concerns the first instalment of contributions for 2007. Under Article 38(2) of the 9th EDF Financial Regulation, the schedule decided for this instalment is as follows: (1) the Commission presents its proposal by 15 October at the latest, with the communication containing a statement of the payments to be made in the following financial year and the schedule of calls for contributions; (2) the Council decides on the instalment by the end of the year; (3) the Member States pay the contributions due under this instalment by 21 January of the following year.

Note that Article 40(4) of the 9th EDF Financial Regulation stipulates that a Member State which fails to pay the instalment of contributions due by the deadline will be required to pay interest on the amount unpaid; the arrangements for the payment of interest are specified in the same Article.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, signed in Cotonou (Benin) on 23 June 2000¹ and revised in Luxembourg (Grand Duchy of Luxembourg) on 25 June 2005²,

Having regard to the Internal Agreement between Representatives of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the financing and administration of Community aid under the Financial Protocol to the Partnership Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Community and its Member States, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000³, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community,⁴

Having regard to the Financial Regulation of 27 March 2003 applicable to the 9th European Development Fund,⁵ and in particular Article 38(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,⁶

Whereas:

- (1) The first subparagraph of Article 38(2) of the 9th EDF Financial Regulation stipulates that the Commission is to present the proposal for the first instalment of the following year by 15 October at the latest, with the communication referred to in Article 8(1) of that Financial Regulation containing a statement of the payments to be made in the following financial year and the schedule of calls for contributions.

¹ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3.

² OJ L 287, 28.10.2005, p. 4.

³ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 355.

⁴ OJ L 314, 30.11.2001, p. 1.

⁵ OJ L 83, 1.4.2003, p. 1.

⁶ OJ C [...], [...], p. [...].

- (2) The first subparagraph of Article 38(2) of the 9th EDF Financial Regulation requires the Council to decide on this instalment by the end of the current year and the Member States to pay the contributions due under this instalment by 21 January of the following year.
- (3) In accordance with the first paragraph of Article 121 of the 9th EDF Financial Regulation, the European Investment Bank has sent the Commission its estimates of commitments and payments.
- (4) Paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of Article 133 of the 9th EDF Financial Regulation stipulate that the procedure for calling for contributions under the 9th EDF also applies to the execution of decisions under previous Funds,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The contributions to be paid by the Member States to the Commission and the European Investment Bank as the first instalment for 2007 are set out in the table in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from the date of its adoption.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States contributing to the 9th EDF.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council
The President*

ANNEX

First instalment of contributions for 2007 (in euros)

Member State	to the European Investment Bank	to the Commission
GERMANY	30 368 000	350 400 000
BELGIUM	5 096 000	58 800 000
DENMARK	2 782 000	32 100 000
SPAIN	7 592 000	87 600 000
FRANCE	31 590 000	364 500 000
GREECE	1 625 000	18 750 000
IRELAND	806 000	9 300 000
ITALY	16 302 000	188 100 000
LUXEMBOURG	377 000	4 350 000
NETHERLANDS	6 786 000	78 300 000
PORTUGAL	1 261 000	14 550 000
UNITED KINGDOM	16 497 000	190 350 000
AUSTRIA	3 445 000	39 750 000
FINLAND	1 924 000	22 200 000
SWEDEN	3 549 000	40 950 000
TOTAL	130 000 000	1 500 000 000