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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

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 community¹, 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) To put an end of the isolation of the Turkish Cypriot community and to bring it closer to the European Union a Scholarship Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community should be established.
- (5) This Decision meets the requirements of Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation No 1605/2002² (hereafter: "Implementing Rules") and thus 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 (hereafter: "Financial Regulation").
- (6) The Committee referred to in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 389/2006 will be informed of this Decision.

¹ OJ L 65, 7.3.2006, p. 5.

² OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p.1.

³ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1.

Sole Article

The 2012 Scholarship Programme provided for in the annex to this decision is hereby adopted for a maximum amount of $\textcircled{8}00\ 000$, to be charged to budget heading 22.02 07 03 of the 2012 General Budget of the European Union. This programme will be implemented by the European Commission according to Article 53a of the Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N°1605/2002 of 25 June 2002⁴ on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

Done at Brussels, 10.7.2012

For the Commission Štefan Füle Member of the Commission

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OJ L248, 16.9.2002, p.1.