Support for the United Nations Interim Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina (OHR) and the Stability Pact for south-eastern Europe (SP)

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PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 1080/2000/EC to include the Stability Pact. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 2098/2003/EC amending Regulation 1080/2000/EC on support for the United Nations Interim Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina (OHR). CONTENT : The Stability Pact for south-eastern Europe (SP) is a regional policy framework that was established by the international community in Cologne on 10 June 1999 in order to support the countries in that region in their efforts to foster peace, democracy, respect for human rights and economic prosperity, and to achieve stability in the region as a whole. The provisions stipulate that the SP will have a special coordinator appointed by the European Union, after consultation with the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Chairman in Office and other participants, and endorsed by the OSCE Chairman in office. The Special Coordinator chairs the south-eastern Europe regional table, which ensures coordination of activities of and among three working tables. He also promotes the achievement of the SP objectives where the SP proves to have an added value, with a view to fostering regional cooperation and enhancing regional ownership, and ensuring complementarity between the work of the SP and the stabilisation and association process of the Union. Regulation 1080 /2000/EC established a legal framework that could also cover the Community's financial support to the SP. This Regulation therefore: - makes provision for a procedure for the appointment of the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact; - amends the above-mentioned Regulation to extend its scope to include the SP. - financing will be in the form of a grant to the budgets of UNMIK, the OHR and the Special Coordinator. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 02/12/03. DATE OF APPLICATION : 01/01/04.