# International Fund for Ireland: Community financial contributions from 2000 to 2002

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PURPOSE : to support the continuation of the Community's financial contributions to Ireland with a view to promoting dialogue and reconciliation between the Irish communities. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 214/2000/EC on Community financial contributions to the International Fund for Ireland. CONTENT : this Regulation aims to continue the annual contribution of EUR 15 million for each of the years 2000, 2001 and 2002. This was decided at the European Council's meeting in Berlin on 24 to 25 March 1999. The contribution will be used by the Fund in accordance with with the Agreement under which the latter was established, in priority for projects of a cross-border or cross-community nature, in particular those consistent with the objectives of the PEACE programme and other operations supported by the Structural Funds. Moreover, the contributions shall be used in such a way that they have genuine additional impact on the areas concerned and should not therefore be used as a substitute for other public and private expenditure. In addition, the Commission shall ensure coordination between the Fund's activities and those financed by the Community structural policies. The Commission shall also be responsible for administering the contributions. The Commission shall submit a report not later than 01.04.2001 to the Budgetary Authority assessing the need for continuing contributions beyond 2002. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01.01.2000. The Regulation shall remain in force until 31.12.2002.