International Fund for Ireland : financial contributions and evaluation report

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OBJECTIVE: To continue the activities of the International Fund for Ireland during 1998 and 1999.
SUBSTANCE: The Commission proposes to extend for two further years the Community contribution to the International Fund for Ireland, in view of its contribution to the peace process in this country. The amount considered necessary is ECU 17 m per year and financial assistance should give priority to cross-border and inter-Community projects. Contributions should be also used in such a way that they have additional impact in the areas concerned and are not used as a substitute for other public or private expenditure. The Commission is to administer the contributions and to submit, not later than 1 April 1999, a report to the budgetary authority on all the activities undertaken (with a list of projects which have received aid), with an assessment of the need for continuing contributions beyond 1999.