SAVE II: multiannual Community programme for energy efficiency, participation of Hungary

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OBJECTIVE: within the framework of the pre-accession strategy, to open the Community programmes for energy efficiency (SAVE II) to Hungary for the years 1999 and 2000. CONTENT: this draft decision by the EC-Hungary Association Council lays down the conditions and procedures for Hungary?s participation in the SAVE II Community Programme. In particular, Hungary: - will participate in all actions of the Programme under the same conditions as the Member States and in accordance with the objectives, criteria and procedures laid down by the programme; - will apply the same conditions and methods of presentation, evaluation and selection of applications as those applied in the Member States; - will include in all transnational projects and activities which it proposes a minimum number of partners from the Member States; - will pay a contribution to the budget of the Community to cover the costs arising from its participation in the programme. The contribution is to cover the financial aid provided to Hungarian entities under the programme and additional administrative costs imputable to the management of the programme by the Commission. This contribution amounts to ECU 309 024 per annum in 1999 and 2000. To some extent, the Community will participate in the payment of these contributions by deducting the necessary amounts from the annual allocation to Phare/Hungary (Phare will contribute 50% of the costs in 1999 and 2000, the other 50%, including administrative costs imputable to the management of the programme, being met from Hungary?s national budget). Hungary will be involved in the monitoring of its participation in the programme in order to prepare for the Community decision-making process with a view to accession (particularly by attending coordination meetings before meetings of the SAVE committee and by being informed of the latter?s decisions). Hungary?s participation is valid until 31 December 2000.