Nuclear safety, Chernobyl: Community contribution to the EBRD for a shelter Fund

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OBJECTIVE: to grant the EBRD ECU 100 m as a contribution towards the cost of building a shelter at Chernobyl. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Decision 98/381/EC, Euratom concerning the Community contribution to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for the Chernobyl Shelter Fund. SUBSTANCE: in connection with the multilateral funding mechanism to assist Ukraine in transforming the existing Chernobyl sarcophagus into a safe and environmentally stable system, the Community is to make a one-off payment of ECU 100 m to the EBRD, which will be responsible for the financial management of the project (Shelter Implementation Plan - SIP). This amount will be paid into the EBRD's 'Chernobyl Shelter Fund' in two years (1998-1999). The Community contribution to the fund will be administered by the Commission in accordance with sound and efficient management principles. The appropriations will be drawn from existing Tacis appropriations for 1998-1999, within the limits of the Financial Perspective. Although the contribution comes from the Tacis programme, contracting procedures will be decided by the EBRD rather than complying with Tacis rules. The Commission will take all possible measures to avoid discrimination in the procurement arrangements between operators of different Member States of the Community, regardless of whether the countries concerned have concluded agreements with the EBRD. The Community will not, by virtue of its contribution, assume any liability for any damage resulting from the project. The Commission will report annually on progress in implementing the Fund. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 05.06.1998.