Ukraine: further Community macro-financial assistance

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PURPOSE: to provide the Ukraine with macro-financial aid in the form of a ECU 150 million long-term loan. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 98/592/EC providing supplementary macro-financial assistance for Ukraine. CONTENT: The Community grants the Ukraine a long-term loan facility of a maximum amount of ECU 150 million and a maximum maturity of 10 years with a view to ensuring a sustainable balance-of-payments situation, strengthening the country's reserve position and helping the implementation of structural reforms. Recalling that the aim of this loan is to help ease the Ukraine's external financial constraints, the decision insists that the Ukraine, the Group of Seven and the European Union honour their commitments to achieve the closure of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant by the year 2000. The decision empowers the Commission to borrow the necessary resources for the loan and, in collaboration with the Monetary Committee, manage it in a manner consistent with any agreement reached between the IMF and Ukraine, agree with the Ukrainian authorities the economic policy conditions attached to it and periodically assess whether these conditions are being fulfilled. The loan is to be made available to the Ukraine in at least two instalments: - the first will be released on the basis of a satisfactory track record of Ukraine's macro-economic programme agreed with the IMF. - the later instalment(s) will be released no less than 3 months after the first and on the basis of a satisfactory continuation of the IMF-Ukraine agreement mentioned above. The Commission is required to provide the European Parliament and the Council with a report at least once a year including an evaluation of the implementation of the Decision. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 15/10/1998