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

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OBJECTIVE: within the framework of the pre-accession strategy, to open up the Community programme for energy efficiency (SAVE II) to Poland for the period 1998 to 2000. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 1999/12/EC adopting the conditions and procedures for the participation of Poland in the SAVE II Community programme. SUBSTANCE: Decision 4/98 by the EC-Poland Association Council lays down the conditions and procedures for Poland's participation in the SAVE II Community programme. In particular, Poland: - shall participate in all actions of the programme under the same conditions as the Member States; - shall apply the same terms and conditions for the submission, assessment and selection of applications as those applying to the Member States; - shall include in all transnational measures and projects proposed a minimum number of partners from the Member States; - shall pay a contribution to the budget of the Community to cover its participation in the programme. This will cover the financial aid provided to Polish participants under the programme and additional administrative costs imputable to the management of the programme by the Commission. It amounts to ECU 1 081 584 per year for 1998, 1999 and 2000. To some extent, the Community will contribute to these contributions by deducting the necessary amounts from the annual financial allocation to PHARE/Poland (PHARE would contribute 97% of the costs in 1998, 87% in 1999 and 77% in 2000, the remainder, including the administrative costs imputable to the management of the programme, being met from Poland's national budget). Poland will facilitate the free movement and residence of all private persons receiving funding under the programme and moving between its territory and the Member States. Poland will be involved in monitoring 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). ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 December 1998. Poland's participation is valid for the duration of the programme (i.e. until 31 December 2000).