Culture programmes: participation of Latvia in the Community programme Raphael

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OBJECTIVE: within the framework of the pre-accession strategy, to open up the Community's Raphael programme to Latvia for the period 1998 to 2000. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 1999/13 /EC adopting the conditions and procedures for the participation of Latvia in the Community programme in the field of culture. SUBSTANCE: Decision 3/98 by the EC-Latvia Association Council lays down the conditions and procedures for Latvia's participation in the Community programme in the field of cultural heritage (Raphael). In particular, Latvia: - 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 Raphael programme. This will cover the financial aid provided to Czech participants under the Raphael programme and the additional administrative costs imputable to the management of the programme by the Commission. The contribution will be paid annually. With regard to Latvia's participation in the Raphael programme, no sum is to be deducted from the annual financial allocation to PHARE/Latvia, as Latvia alone is to pay its contribution. In total, this amounts to ECU 43 683 for the three years concerned. Latvia will be involved in monitoring its participation in the Raphael 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 programme's management committee and by being informed of the results of these meetings). ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 December 1998. Latvia's participation is valid for the duration of the programme (i.e. until 31 December 2000).