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

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PURPOSE: within the framework of the pre-accession strategy, opening the Community programme for energy efficiency (SAVE II) to Bulgaria for the years 1998-2000. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council decision 1999/113/EC. CONTENT: this decision (6/98) by the EC/Bulgaria Association Council of 11/12 /98 lays down the conditions and requirements for this country's participation SAVE II. In particular, Bulgaria will: - participate in the relevant activities of the programme in the same capacity as the Member States and in accordance with the objectives, criteria and procedures established by the programme; - apply the same conditions and requirements for the presentation, assessment and selection of applications as those applied by the Member States; - be required to include a minimum number of partners from the Member States in all transnational projects and activities it proposes; - annually pay a contribution to the general budget of the European Communities to cover the costs resulting from its participation in the programme (more precisely, financial support from the programme to the participation of Bulgarian entities and supplementary administrative costs related to the Commission's management of the programme stemming from Bulgaria's participation). This contribution will be ECU 231,768 per year from 1998 to 2000. Subject to regular PHARE programming procedures, ECU 216,000 of this will be paid by Bulgaria's annual PHARE allocation. The remaining costs, namely the supplementary administrative costs, will be paid from Bulgaria's national budget. Bulgaria will be involved in the monitoring of its participation in the programme in order to prepare for the Community decision-making process in the context of accession (in particular, by taking part in coordination meetings prior to regular meetings of the SAVE committee and will be kept informed of the results of the SAVE committee's meetings. Bulgaria's participation is valid for the duration of the programme (until 31/12/2000). ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01/01 /1999.