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

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PURPOSE: in the context of the pre-accession strategy, the opening of the Community programme for the promotion of energy efficiency (SAVE II) to Lithuania for the years 1998-2000. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Decision 1999/409/CE, CECA, Euratom. CONTENT: This Decision 2/1999 of the Association Council between the European Communities and the Republic of Lithuania lays down the terms and conditions for Lithuania's participation in SAVE II. In particular : - Lithuania will participate in all actions of the multiannual Community programme for energy efficiency in conformity with the objectives, criteria, procedures and time limits that apply to the Member States; - the same terms and conditions for the submission, assessment and selection of application related to eligible institutions, organisations or individuals of Lithuania will be the same as those applicable to their EU counterparts, set within the limits of the financial contribution of Lithuania less administrative costs as provided in Annex II of the Decision; - Lithuania will be required to include a minimum number of partners from the Community for all the transnational projects and actions proposed by Lithuania; - Lithuania will each year pay a contribution to the general budget of the EC to cover the costs resulting from its participation in SAVE II: this contribution will cover subsidies or any other financial support from the Programme to Lithuanian participants, as well as supplementary administrative costs related to the management of the programme by the Commission stemming from Lithuania's participation; - Lithuania's annual contribution will be EURO 96,570 from 1998. From this sum, an amount of EURO 6,570 will cover supplementary administrative costs; - Lithuania will pay the supplementary administrative costs from its national budget; - Lithuania will pay 10% (1998), 30% (1999) and 50% (2000) of the remaining costs of its participation in SAVE II from its national budget; - Subject to regular Phare programming procedures, the remaining 90% (1998), 70% (1999) and 50% (2000) will be paid from Lithuania's annual Phare allocations. Lithiania will be involved in the monitoring of its participation in the programme in order to prepare itself for the Community decision-making process in the perspective of accession (in particular, by participating in coordination meetings prior to the meetings of the SAVE Committee and being informed of the results of this Committee). The participation of Lithuania is valid throughout the duration of the programme (until 31.12.2000). ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01.06.1999.