Bulgaria: Community supplementary macrofinancial assistance

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PURPOSE : to make available to Bulgaria a long-term loan facility of a maximum principal amount of EUR 100 million. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 1999/731/EC concerning macro-financial assistance to Bulgaria. CONTENT : the decision aims to provide supplementary assistance to Bulgaria in the form of a long-term loan of EUR 100 million with a maximum maturity of 10 years, with a view to ensuring a sustainable balance of payments situation, to reinforce the reserve position of this country and to implement structural reforms in Bulgaria. The loan is granted in the framework of the agreement concluded with the IMF and supplements the resources made available to the country by the international financial institutions and the bilateral donors. This loan will be placed at the disposal of Bulgaria in two installments, on condition of a satisfactory application of the economic programme agreed by the IMF and sufficient progress in the field of structural reforms. The Economic and Financial Committee will be consulted before each payment. The Commission will procure the funds by borrowing on the international capital markets with the guarantee of the general budget. It will then retrocede the amounts to Bulgaria. The lending and borrowing operations will be perfectly synchronised and will not pose any commercial risk to the Community. At least once a year (in principle, before 15 September), the Commission shall forward to the European Parliament and the Council a report, which will include an evaluation of the implementation of this Decision. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 08.11.1999.