FINANCING AGREEMENT¹

The European Commission, hereinafter referred to as "THE COMMISSION", acting for and on behalf of the European Community, hereinafter referred to as "THE COMMUNITY"

on the one part, and

The Government of **Bulgaria**, hereinafter referred to as "THE RECIPIENT"

on the other part,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

The measure referred to in Article 1 below shall be executed and financed out of the budget resources of THE COMMUNITY in accordance with the provisions set out in this Agreement. The technical, legal, and administrative framework within which the measure referred to in Article 1 below shall be implemented is set out in the General Conditions annexed to the Framework Agreement between THE COMMISSION and THE RECIPIENT, and supplemented by the terms of this Agreement and the Special Provisions annexed hereto.

ARTICLE 1 - NATURE AND SUBJECT

As part of its aid programme, THE COMMUNITY shall contribute, by way of grant, towards the financing of the following MEASURE:

Programme number: 2005/17-519.01

Title: Programme for Community support in the field of Nuclear

Safety for Bulgaria

Duration: Until 30/11/2007

<u>ARTICLE 2 - COMMITMENT OF THE COMMUNITY</u>

The financial contribution of THE COMMUNITY is fixed at a maximum of **3,925,000** € hereinafter referred to as "THE EC GRANT".

ARTICLE 3 - DURATION AND EXPIRY

For the present MEASURE, THE EC GRANT is hereby available for contracting until **30/11/2007** subject to the provisions of this Agreement. All contracts must be signed by this

¹ The Financing Agreement structure is as follows: 1. the coverpages with the references to the country concerned, amount and authority to sign, 2. Framework Agreement incl. Annex A and Annex B; Annex C – Special Conditions (the text of the adopted financing proposal starting from **Description and Objectives** onwards; and Annex D 'Visibility/Publicity.

date. Any balance of funds of the EC GRANT, which have not been contracted by this date shall be cancelled.

The deadline for execution of contracts of THE EC GRANT is 30/11/2008. THE COMMISSION may however, in exceptional circumstances, agree to an appropriate extension of the contracting period or of the contract execution period, should this be requested in due time and properly justified by THE RECIPIENT. Disbursements of funds may continue for up to 12 months after the deadline for the execution of contracts to meet liabilities properly incurred through the execution of the contracts entered into under this programme. This Financing Agreement shall expire once those disbursements have been completed. All the funds which have not been disbursed by that time shall then be returned to the Commission.

ARTICLE 4 - ADDRESSES

Correspondence relating to the execution of THE MEASURE, stating THE MEASURE'S number and title, shall be addressed to the following:

for the COMMUNITY:

Mr Dimitris Kourkoulas Delegation of the European Commission 9 Moscovska Str. 1000 Sofia Bulgaria

Tel: (+359. 2) 933 5252 *Fax:* (+359.2) 933 5233

for THE RECIPIENT:

Mr Plamen Oresharski Minister of Finance (National Aid Co-ordinator) Ministry of Finance 102, Rakovski St. 1040 Sofia Bulgaria

ARTICLE 5 - NUMBER OF ORIGINALS

This Agreement is drawn up in duplicate in the English language.

<u>ARTICLE 6</u> - <u>ENTRY INTO FORCE</u>

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which it has been signed by both parties. No expenditure incurred before this date is eligible for the EC GRANT.

The Annexes shall be deemed an integral part of this Agreement.

Done at	Done at
Date	Date
for THE RECIPIENT	for THE COMMUNITY
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Encl.

- 1. Framework Agreement (incl. Annexes A & B)
- 2. Special Provisions (Annex C)
- 3. Visibility/Publicity (Annex D)