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EC REHABILITATION PROGRAMME FOR THE GEORGIAN-ABKHAZ ZONE OF CONFLICT

Phase II – Revised version - Tentative start early 2007 (to be confirmed)

Executive summary

On 6 December 2005 a first phase EC Rehabilitation Programme was launched. To address additional needs in the conflict zone the Delegation proposes to set up a second phase for rehabilitation that would address different areas of cooperation but complement the first phase programme.

The key objective of this Second Phase EC Tacis Rehabilitation Programme will be to enhance stability and security through confidence and peace building measures aiming at the prevention and settlement of internal conflicts and actions in favour of the local population that has been affected by the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict.

Based on its assessments, further visits to Georgia/Abkhazia and consultations with both sides the Delegation intends to finance a second phase EC rehabilitation programme for the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict zone and adjacent areas with a budget of 1.98 million Euros for the duration of 36 months with ERBD, UNOMIG and UNDP main implementing agencies. This programme would share the same objectives of the first programme but address different rehabilitation needs, with a focus on energy needs, thus complementing the components of the first phase.

The main priority of this second phase is the continuation of the EC-EBRD co-funded rehabilitation works at the Enguri Hydro-Power Plant (HPP), which is located in the Georgian/Abkhaz conflict zone and the main electricity generation unit in Georgia (including Abkhazia). Enguri HPP is the main provided of electricity of Georgia/Abkhazia and both Georgian and Abkhaz sides agree on the importance of further refurbishment of the HPP.

The target areas for rehabilitation would focus on the Gali district of eastern Abkhazia as well as the Zugdidi district on the Georgian side of the cease fire line in order to support both ethnic Georgian and Abkhaz communities.

The following priorities for EC rehabilitation actions under this programme are agreed (in the following districts):

Phase II of the rehabilitation programme of 1.98m Euros of 36 months starting early 2007 (to be confirmed):

- Rehabilitation of Enguri Hydro-Power Plant (EBRD, 1,780,000 Euros - Zugdidi/Gali districts)
- Support to civilian police (CIVPOL) activities (UNOMIG, 90,000 Euros - Zugdidi)
- Enguri shuttle bus – (UNOMIG, 20,000 Euros - Enguri Bridge / Ceasefire line)
- Information Sharing Centre (UNDP, 90,000 Euros - Sukhumi, online)

An overview of the activities as well as budget allocations of the planned second phase programme is set forth below:

conclude grant agreements firstly with EBRD for the first component, and secondly with UNOMIG and UNDP on the other components.

EU visibility should be an important political aspect of the programme in conveying EU values as integrated part of rehabilitation and confidence building measures in the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict zone.

An adequate steering mechanism will be prepared to ensure close coordination and monitoring of implementation of the programme and complementarity between the first and second phase of rehabilitation.

The foreseen rehabilitation activities will be undertaken with involvement of the local authorities and civil society.

A steering mechanism has been agreed to ensure close coordination and monitoring of implementation of the programme. This steering mechanism includes the set up of a Steering Committee, Working Group and Coordination Committee (in line with the first phase rehabilitation programme).

OVERVIEW - EC-UNOMIG/UNDP Rehabilitation Programme for Georgian-Abkhaz Conflict Zone –Phase II – Overview of EBRD, UNOMIG and UNDP components and budget allocations

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Programme II – (2005)				
	<i>Component</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Implementing agency</i>	<i>Budget in Euros</i>
1	Enguri Hydro-Power Plant	Gali and Zugdidi Districts	EBRD	1,780,000
2	CIVPOL	Zugdidi, Lia Police Station	UNOMIG/ CIVPOL	90,000
3	Enguri Shuttle bus	Enguri Bridge (ceasfire line)	UNOMIG	20,000
	Information Sharing Centre	Sukhumi, online	UNDP	90,000
	Total			1,980,000