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(Only the Greek text is authentic)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 9(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The national allocation plan of Greece for the period 2005-2007, developed under Article 9(1) of Directive 2003/87/EC, was notified to the Commission by letter dated 30 December 2004. Greece submitted additional information amending and completing the notified plan in reply to questions from the Commission by a letter dated 10 March 2005 and by letters dated 25 April 2005 and 16 May 2005.
- (2) The Climate Change Committee has considered the national allocation plan and urged the Commission to carefully examine the definition of new entrants in the plan and the access rules to the new entrant reserve. It also urged the Commission to examine the size of the new entrant reserve with a view to avoiding double counting of growth in output and emissions by means of both allocating to installations listed in the plan and building a new entrant reserve. In addition, the Commission was requested to examine the assumptions made concerning the energy efficiency of combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) new entrants in the electricity generation sector. The Climate Change Committee urged the Commission to compare Greece's allocation to recent historic and projected emissions, and to examine whether the potential of the trading sector to reduce emissions is adequately reflected. The Climate Change Committee also called on the Commission to examine Greece's anticipated path to reaching its target under Decision 2002/358/EC, and finally to carefully examine the admissibility of the allocation to installations using biomass in view of biomass having an emission factor of zero.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 32, as amended by Directive 2004/101/EC, OJ L 338, 13.11.2004, p. 18.

- (3) The national allocation plan, including the total quantity of allowances stated therein, has been evaluated in accordance with the Commission Communication on guidance to assist Member States in the implementation of the criteria listed in Annex III to Directive 2003/87/EC<sup>2</sup>.
- (4) Pursuant to criterion 5, the Commission has assessed whether the plan unduly favours certain undertakings or activities contrary to the requirements of the Treaty, in particular Articles 87 and 88 thereof. On the basis of the information provided by the Member State, the Commission considers that any potential aid is likely to be compatible with the common market should it be assessed in accordance with Article 88(3) of the Treaty.
- (5) This Decision is without prejudice to Greece's obligations under Directive 2001/77/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 September 2001 on the promotion of electricity produced from renewable energy sources in the internal electricity market<sup>3</sup>.
- (6) The reports on the implementation of policies and measures and the use of the Kyoto Protocol's mechanisms submitted by Member States pursuant to Decision No 280/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2004 concerning a mechanism for monitoring Community greenhouse gas emissions and for implementing the Kyoto Protocol<sup>4</sup> are taken into account for evaluation of the national allocation plans pursuant to criterion 2 of Annex III to Directive 2003/87/EC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

No objections are raised to the national allocation plan of Greece with regard to the criteria of Annex III to the Directive or with regard to Article 10 thereof.

*Article 2*

1. The total quantity of allowances to be allocated by Greece according to its national allocation plan to installations listed therein shall not be exceeded, nor shall the total quantity to be allocated to new entrants be exceeded.
2. The national allocation plan may be amended if the amendment consists in modifications of the allocation of allowances to individual installations within the total quantity to be allocated to installations listed therein resulting from improvements to data quality.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Greece.

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<sup>2</sup> COM(2003)830 final, COM

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 283, 27.10.2001, p. 33.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 49, 19.02.2004, p. 1.

Done at Brussels, 20/VI/2005

*For the Commission*