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SUBSIDIES

Questions from POLAND Regarding the New and Full Notification of BULGARIA¹

The following communication, dated 22 October 1997, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Poland.

Direct subsidies

Q1. Could Bulgaria provide us with more details as to the criteria of the eligibility, duration, amount of the subsidy concerning this programme?

Heat supplying and coal

Q1. Could we have some information as to when does Bulgaria intend to eliminate this programme?

Assistance to disadvantaged regions

Q1. Could Bulgaria please define the criteria according to which the region is considered “disadvantaged” for the purpose of this particular programme?

Assistance to small companies

Q1. Could Bulgaria please define small enterprise providing that such official definition exists in law?

Project non-ferrous enterprises Elisaina and Plovdiv (10, 11)

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Q2. In case of the loan from the budget, what are the terms of repayment of such a loan?

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Q3. Is the aid under this programme a single loan (or guarantee) for the amount specified in points 10.6 and 11.6 respectively for each of the two enterprises, or is the programme intended to be continued?

Q4. In case of a single loan, could Bulgaria please give more details as to the duration of the programme?

Loans guaranteed by the State (14, 15, 16, 17)

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State Fund for Reconstruction and Development

Q1. Could Bulgaria provide more details as to the interest rate of a preferential loan under this programme?

Q2. What are the criteria of eligibility under this programme?