

**COUNCIL DECISION****of 13 July 2009****amending Decision 2009/290/EC of 20 January 2009 providing Community medium-term financial assistance for Latvia**

(2009/592/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Decision 2009/290/EC is hereby amended as follows:

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002 of 18 February 2002 establishing a facility providing medium-term financial assistance for Member States balances of payments <sup>(1)</sup> and in particular Article 5, second subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 8 thereof,

1. Article 3(5)(a) shall be replaced by the following:

'(a) implementation of a clearly-set medium-term fiscal programme so as to bring the general government deficit below the Treaty reference value of 3 % of GDP with a timeframe and consolidation path consistent with the Council recommendation(s) to Latvia adopted under the excessive deficit procedure;'

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission made after consulting the Economic and Financial Committee (EFC),

2. Article 3(5)(b) shall be replaced by the following:

'(b) implementation of the budget for 2009 and adoption of the budget for 2010 with sustainable measures consistent with the consolidation path;'

Whereas:

*Article 2*

(1) By Decision 2009/289/EC <sup>(2)</sup>, the Council decided to grant mutual assistance to Latvia. By Decision 2009/290/EC <sup>(3)</sup>, the Council decided to provide medium-term financial assistance for Latvia.

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Latvia.

*Article 3*

(2) The scope and intensity of the financial crisis affecting Latvia calls for a revision of the economic policy conditions foreseen for the disbursement of the instalments of the Community financial assistance with a view to taking into account the fiscal effects entailed by the significant reduction of the GDP.

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 13 July 2009.

(3) Decision 2009/290/EC should therefore be amended accordingly,

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 53, 23.2.2002, p. 1.  
<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 79, 25.3.2009, p. 37.  
<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 79, 25.3.2009, p. 39.