

**DECISION No 1/2000 OF THE EU-HUNGARY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
of 11 April 2000**

on the transition to the second stage of the Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Hungary, of the other part

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THE EU-HUNGARY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Hungary, of the other part ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 6(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 6(1) of the Europe Agreement provides for a transition period of a maximum of 10 years divided into two successive stages, each in principle lasting five years.
- (2) The first stage began on 1 February 1994, the date of entry into force of the Europe Agreement, and terminated on 31 January 1999.
- (3) The Association Council, in accordance with Article 6(2) of the Europe Agreement, has regularly examined the application of the Europe Agreement and Hungary's accomplishments in the process leading to a market economy system.
- (4) The Parties are determined to comply with the obligations deriving from the transition to the second stage of the Association.
- (5) The Association Council is to decide on the transition to the second stage as well as on any possible changes to be brought about as regards measures concerning the implementation of the provisions governing the second stage,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The transition to the second stage referred to in Article 6(3) of the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Hungary, of the other part, shall hereby take effect.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date of its adoption by the Association Council.

Done at Brussels, 11 April 2000.

For the Association Council

The President

J. GAMA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 31.12.1993, p. 2.