The European Commission adopted a EUR 8.000.000 Decision for continued humanitarian assistance to vulnerable groups in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea) 30/11/06

The activities to be funded are as follows:

- Provision of basic medical kits and human resource development for 5,000 local health care facilities to support the transition of the earlier countrywide drug distribution into a comprehensive primary health care development programme.

- Consolidate the support provided to set up 12 IV-fluid production units in hospitals throughout the country in order to enhance cost efficiency and sustainability and to expand the outreach.

- Enhance the cost efficiency and sustainability of the rehabilitated orthopaedic workshop in Hamhung by reinforcing integration with existing government structures and the ICRC sponsored orthopaedic workshop.

- Vaccination of 200,000 pregnant women and 200,000 children under 1 year old.

- Complete and consolidate the rehabilitation of water supply in the cities of Dokchon, Hoichang, Kujang, Ambyon, Muchon, Yonsan, Unryul, Tanchon and Sinhung and some selected surrounding rural areas.

- Support hygiene promotion and introduce pilot demonstrations on appropriate low cost interventions to improve sanitation.

- Non-food aid to flood victims.