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Pursuant to Article 80 of the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia and Article 122 of the Standing Orders of the Croatian Parliament, the Croatian Parliament has, at its session of 3 March 2006, adopted the following

DECISION

1. No authoritative interpretation shall be issued with regard to Article 19 of the Political Parties Act (as published in *Narodne novine* /the official journal of the Republic of Croatia/, no. 76/93), Article 1 of the Act Amending the Political Parties Act (as published in *Narodne novine*, no. 111/96), Article 2 of the Act Amending the Political Parties Act (as published in *Narodne novine*, no. 164/98) and Article 6 of the Act Amending the Political Parties Act (as published in *Narodne novine*, no. 36/01).

Explanation

With regard to the question of whether the principle of equality, i.e. of equal status of all deputies, implies any obligation to provide national minority deputies and independent deputies with the funds required for their work in the same manner in which they are provided for deputies of political parties, it is hereby maintained that, all other conditions being equal, such obligation exists and that there are no grounds for issuing an authoritative interpretation.

2. The present Decision shall be published in *Narodne novine*.

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Zagreb, 3 March 2006

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Speaker

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