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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the Regulation (EC) n°1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)¹, and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Joint Communication of the European Commission and of the High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy "A partnership for democracy and shared prosperity with the Southern Mediterranean"² set the following priorities: (a) democratic transformation and institution-building, (b) partnership with the people (c) sustainable and inclusive growth and economic development.
- (2) The Commission has adopted Financing Decision C(2011)6828 of 26 September 2011 for the SPRING scheme ("Support for partnership, reforms and inclusive growth") in favour of the southern Neighbourhood region, to be financed under Article 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Union.
- (3) The objectives of the SPRING scheme are to respond to the pressing socio-economic challenges that partner countries of the southern Mediterranean region are facing, and to support them in their transition phase towards democracy. SPRING focuses specifically on support related to democratic transformation and institution-building, and for sustainable and inclusive growth and economic development. It is a multi-country programme with an umbrella approach that provides the flexibility for modulating assistance on the basis of progress by individual countries towards deep and sustainable democracy and inclusive socio-economic development, applying the "more-for-more" principle.
- (4) The support for enterprise and export development is in line with these objectives and will foster the competitiveness of the Jordanian agro-industry and manufacturing enterprises, and strengthen representative organisations; promoting Jordanian exports in targeted markets will contribute to the reduction of the national trade imbalance.
- (5) The present Decision elaborates on the contribution of SPRING to the specific enterprise and export development programme and its implementation modality, since the financing of the overall SPRING programme has been decided by Financing Decision C(2011)6828 adopted on 26 September 2011 for a total amount EUR 350 million, of which EUR 65 million allocated for 2011 and EUR 285 million for 2012.

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1-14.

² COM(2011)200 of 08.03.2011.

- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision do not fall in the categories of measures for which the the opinion of the ENPI Committee established by Article 26 of Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 is required. Member States and the European Parliament will be informed of this Decision within one month of its adoption, as per article 13, paragraph 4, of that regulation. .

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The special measure of support for enterprise and export development for the Kingdom of Jordan under the SPRING programme, the text of which is set out in the attached Annex, is approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the European Union to this measure is set at EUR 10 million to be financed from the SPRING programme allocation for 2012 adopted by Commission Decision C(2011)6828 of 26 September 2011.

Done at Brussels, 10.12.2012

For the Commission
Štefan FÜLE
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Action fiche: "Support for enterprise and export development (SEED) programme"