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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 2006¹ laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted, under the European Neighbourhood Policy², the Regional Strategy Document (2007-2013) and the Regional Indicative Programme 2011-2013 for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership³, which provide the following priorities: co-operation on sustainable economic development; stepping up the dialogue between civil society stakeholders, social development and support for the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP).
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme 2012 (part I) in favour of the southern neighbourhood (ENP South) are to reinforce civil protection capacities, promote gender equality and improve the quality of the environment in the ENPI South countries, to promote private sector development with support to FEMIP and to finance small-scale measures through the global allocation.
- (3) The present Decision constitutes a Financing Decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget⁴ (hereafter 'the Financial Regulation') and Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget⁵ (hereafter 'the Implementing Rules').

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1-14.

² This action programme concerns the following Mediterranean partners: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Syria and Tunisia. The co-operation with Syria is temporarily suspended until further notice from the European Commission.

³ C(2007)672 of 27.02.2007.

⁴ OJ L 248 of 16.09.2002, p. 1-48.

⁵ OJ L 357 of 31.12.2002, p. 1-71.

- (4) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by the present Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment on the basis of Articles 83 of the Financial Regulation and 106(5) of its Implementing Rules.
- (5) The Commission is required to define the term “substantial change” in the meaning of Article 90 (4) of the Implementing Rules to ensure that any substantial change in this Decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial Decision.
- (6) The Commission has ensured that the management systems set up by the entity to which the Commission will entrust implementation of EU funds for the action "Support to the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP) (2012)" comply with the conditions for the delegation of tasks under indirect centralised management, as provided for in Article 56(1) of the Financial Regulation and Article 35 of its Implementing Rules with regard to the actions implemented under centralised management.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the ENPI Committee set up under Article 26 of Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006.
- (8) The European Union contribution to be financed under article 19 08 01 01 of the General Budget of the European Union for 2013 is subject to the suspension clause of the adoption of the budget 2013 by the Budgetary Authority and the availability of the corresponding funds.
- (9) In accordance with Article 53d of the Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002, evidence has been obtained that the international organisations to be entrusted with the implementation of the Union budget by joint management, apply standards which offer guarantees equivalent to internationally accepted standards in their accounting, audit, internal control and procurement procedures by the authorising officer by delegation.
- (10) The Commission has proposed to allocate 20% of the EU budget to climate-related activities. As stated in the Communication "A budget for 2020", 20 % of the overall EU budget should contribute to low carbon and climate resilient society. The achievement of this global target will need to be monitored during programming and implementation.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annual Action Programme 2012 (part I) in favour of the southern neighbourhood, constituted by the actions "Euromed programme for the prevention, preparedness and response to natural and man-made disasters – (PPRD) South II"; "Political and economic empowerment of women in the Southern Mediterranean region", "Euro-Mediterranean partnership global allocation for 2012-2013", "GREEN MED: Towards a greener economy and a healthy environment" and "Support to the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP) (2012)" the text of which is set out in the attached Annexes, is approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the Annual Action Programme 2012 (part I) in favour of the ENP South Region is set at EUR 67 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 for 2012, plus further EUR 17 million to be financed from the same budget line of the European Union for 2013, conditional upon the adoption of the 2013 budget by the Budgetary Authority and the availability of the corresponding funds.

This maximum contribution shall also cover any possible interests due for late payment.

Article 3

Cumulated changes of the allocations to the specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the European Union shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the Annual Action Programme 2012 (part I) in favour of the ENP South region. This may include an increase of the maximum contribution of the European Union up to 20%.

The relevant authorising officer may amend the present Decision to introduce non-substantial changes to the Annual Action Programme 2012 (part I) in favour of the ENP South region in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Article 4

The management systems set up by the entity to which the Commission will entrust implementation of EU funds for the action "Support to the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP) (2012)" comply with the conditions for the delegation of tasks under indirect centralised management, as indicated in the table attached as Appendix to the concerned action fiche. The financial implementation of tasks related to this action can thus be entrusted to this entity.

Article 5

The implementation of the programme depending on the commitment of EUR 17 million from the 2013 budget is conditional upon the adoption of the 2013 budget by the Budgetary Authority and the availability of the corresponding funds.

Done at Brussels, 31.8.2012

For the Commission
Štefan FÜLE
Member of the Commission

ANNEXES

Annex 1: action fiche Euromed programme for the prevention, preparedness and response to natural and man-made disasters – (PPRD) South II

Annex 2: action fiche Political and economic empowerment of women in the Southern Mediterranean region

Annex 3: action fiche Euro-Mediterranean partnership global allocation for 2012-2013

Annex 4: action fiche GREEN MED: Towards a greener economy and a healthy environment

Annex 5: action fiche Support to the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP) (2012)