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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Jordan and the National Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2010,<sup>2</sup> priorities 1, 2 and 4 of which prioritise support for:
  - Political reform, democracy, human rights, good governance, justice and co-operation in the fight against extremism;
  - Trade and investment development;
  - Institution-building, financial stability and support for regulatory approximation.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme are to respond to the pressing economic and social challenges that Jordan is facing, with a particular focus on the points mentioned above.
- (3) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N°1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities<sup>3</sup> and of Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2432/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002<sup>4</sup>.
- (4) It is appropriate to define the term “substantial change” in the meaning of Article 90 (4) Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 for the application of this decision.
- (5) 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,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> C(2007) 672.

<sup>3</sup> Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1605/2002 (OJ L 248, 16.09.2002) as last amended by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1995/2006 (OJ L 390, 30.12.2006) and by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1525/2007 of 17 December 2007 (OJ L 343, 27.12.2007, p.9.).

<sup>4</sup> Commission Regulation (EC Euratom) N° 2342/2002 (OJ L 357, 31.12.2002) as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC Euratom) N° 478/2007 du 23/04/2007 (OJ L 111, 28.04.2007).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The actions, "Support to Justice Reform and Good Governance" (EUR 7 million), "Support to Enterprise and Export Development" (EUR 15 million), "Trade and Transport Facilitation" (EUR 33 million)," and "Support to the Implementation of the Action Plan Programme-SAPP" (EUR 10 million) which constitute the Annual Action Programme 2008 in favour of Jordan, the text of which is set out in the Annex, are approved.

*Article 2*

The maximum contribution of the Community is set at EUR 65 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2008.

*Article 3*

Within the maximum indicative budget of all the specific actions, cumulated changes not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the Community are not considered to be substantial provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the Annual Action Programme.

The authorising officer may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 23.10.2008

*For the Commission*

*Benita FERRERO-WALDNER*

*Member of the Commission*