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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) N° 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument¹, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) N° 232/2014 provides for Union assistance to be implemented through bilateral programmes, multi-country programmes and cross-border cooperation programmes.
- (2) In accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) N° 232/2014, the Union and the Member States shall coordinate their respective support programmes with the aim of increasing effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of support and policy dialogue and preventing overlap of funding, in line with the established principles set in the Agenda for Change² for strengthening operational coordination in the field of external support and for harmonising policies and procedures.
- (3) In accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EU) N° 232/2014, the key point of reference for setting the priorities for Union support in Regional South are action plans or equivalent jointly agreed documents, except for the cases set out therein.
- (4) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EU) N° 232/2014, the Strategy Paper and Multiannual Indicative Programme shall review progress made, set out the objectives and priorities for Union support, indicate expected results and set out the indicative level of funding expressed in the form of a range and broken down by priority.
- (5) The Strategy Paper 2014-2020 and Multiannual Indicative Programme 2014-2017 for EU support in Regional South should be adopted by the Commission.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the committee established by Article 15 of Regulation (EU) N° 232/2014,

¹ OJ L77 of 15 March 2014, p. 27

² Communication of the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions; Increasing the impact of EU Development Policy: an Agenda for Change, COM (2011) 637 of 13.10.2011

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Strategy Paper 2014-2020 and Multiannual Indicative Programme 2014-2017 for EU support in Regional South is hereby adopted. The Strategy Paper and Multiannual Indicative Programme is contained in the annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 30.7.2014

For the Commission
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