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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument¹ (hereinafter referred to as 'the basic act'), and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002² (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation'), and in particular Article 84 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Syria³ and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2011-2013⁴. In light of the ongoing repression and restrictive measures taken by the Council of the European Union, the Commission has suspended on 25 May 2011 the National Indicative Programme for Syria.
- (2) The objective pursued by this measure is to help the Syrian population and the communities hosting Syrian refugees in Jordan to cope with the effects of the crisis and prepare for recovery. This special measure is made necessary by the dramatic worsening of the Syrian crisis and its consequences in Syria and the region.
- (3) This Decision complies with the conditions laid down in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union⁵ (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules of Application').
- (4) The Commission may entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect centralised management (indirect management with a Member State or EU agency) to the entities identified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a delegation agreement. The responsible authorising officer has accordingly ensured that these entities comply with the conditions of Article 56(1) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ Decision C(2007)672 of 27.02.2007.

⁴ Decision C(2010)1144 of 2.03.2010.

⁵ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

European Communities⁶ (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation 1605/2002') and of Article 35 of its Implementing Rules⁷.

- (5) The Commission may entrust budget-implementation tasks under joint management (indirect management with an international organisation) to the entities identified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a contribution agreement. The responsible authorising officer has ensured that these entities comply with the conditions of Article 53d of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁸ (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation 1605/2002') and of Articles 35 and 43 of its Implementing Rules⁹.
- (6) The Commission may entrust budget-implementation tasks under decentralised management (indirect management with the partner country) to the beneficiary third country identified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a financing agreement. The degree of decentralisation foreseen complies with the conditions of Article 53c and 56 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities¹⁰ (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation 1605/2002').
- (7) The Commission should authorise the eligibility of costs for that part of the action set out in Annex 1 implemented under joint management with UNICEF as of a date preceding that of the adoption of the Decision for the reasons of extreme urgency in crisis management aid or in situations of imminent or immediate danger to the stability of a country, including by an armed conflict, where an early engagement of the Union may prevent an escalation, notably to allow access to education from the start of the new academic year (1 September 2013).
- (8) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by this Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of the Rules of Application.
- (9) The Commission is required to define the term "non-substantial change" in the sense of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer by delegation, or under his or her responsibility, by sub-delegation (hereinafter referred to as the 'responsible authorising officer').
- (10) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the ENPI Committee set up under Article 26 of the basic act,

⁶ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1. These provisions remain applicable according to Article 212 of the Financial Regulation.

⁷ Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities. OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p.1. These provisions remain applicable according to Article 212 of the Financial Regulation.

⁸ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1. These provisions remain applicable until 31 December 2013 according to Article 212 of the Financial Regulation.

⁹ Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities. OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p.1. These provisions remain applicable according to Article 212 of the Financial Regulation.

¹⁰ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1. These provisions remain applicable according to Article 212 of the Financial Regulation.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the Special Measure

The 2013 Special Measure for the Syrian population and host communities in Jordan, constituted by the actions identified in the second paragraph, is approved.

The actions, the description of which is set out in the attached Annexes shall be:

- “Helping the Syrian population cope with the effects of the crisis and prepare for early recovery”
- “Development of Northern Jordan Programme”

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union authorised by this Decision for the implementation of this Special Measure is set at EUR 45.4 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Union for 2013.

Article 3

Implementation modalities

Budget-implementation tasks under indirect centralised, decentralised and joint management shall be entrusted to the entities identified in the attached Annexes, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreements.

Section 4 of the Annexes referred to in the second paragraph of Article 1 sets out the elements required by Article 94(2) of the Rules of Application.

The Commission authorises the eligibility of costs under joint management with UNICEF for the action set out in Annex 1 as of the date identified in Annex 1.

The financial contribution referred to in Article 2 shall also cover any possible interests due for late payment.

Article 4

Non-substantial changes

Increases or cumulated changes to the allocations to the specific actions not exceeding 20% of the contribution referred to in Article 2 shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions. The use of contingencies shall be taken into account in the ceiling referred to in this article.

The responsible authorising officer may adopt these non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 10.10.2013

For the Commission
Štefan FÜLE
Member of the Commission

ANNEXES

Annex I: Action Fiche “Helping the Syrian population cope with the effects of the crisis and prepare for early recovery”

Annex II: Action Fiche “Development of Northern Jordan Programme”