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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action¹ and in particular Article 2(1) 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, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Jordan is at the moment hosting more than 600,000 refugees from Syria, around half of whom are children of school-age, in addition to approximately 14,500 Palestine Refugees from Syria (PRS) recorded with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) in Jordan.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the measure to be financed under Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument³ are to support the Jordanian authorities in coping with the pressure on the basic services delivery, in particular in education, and to alleviate the burden on the host communities.
- (3) The protracted crisis with the steady increase of refugees requires an additional and urgent effort to address the recent developments and especially the growing tensions in the social fabric.
- (4) The Action entitled "Support to the Response to the Syria Crisis in Jordan" will contribute to supporting the co-ordination framework established by the Government of Jordan, in response to the Syria crisis; support recovery opportunities for Syrian refugees and host communities and strengthen the resilience of Palestine Refugees from Syria in Jordan. It will be implemented by a call for proposals for non-governmental organisations; the United Nations Development Programme, (UNDP); and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).
- (5) The Action entitled "Support to the Ministry of Education to deal with the Syrian Refugee Crisis" will contribute to allowing up to 140,000 Syrian refugee children to attend Jordanian government schools, training of teachers for this purpose and psycho-

¹ OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 27.

social support. It will be implemented primarily by budget support, supplemented by technical assistance and a call for proposal for civil society organisations.

- (6) The Action entitled “Provision of Higher Education to Syrian Youth affected by the Crisis, in Jordan” will contribute to providing services to allow Syrian Internally Displaced Persons and Refugees in Jordan, Lebanon and Syria to undertake higher education studies. It will be implemented through by direct management through the provision of services and grants for all three components.
- (7) It is necessary to adopt a financing decision the detailed rules on which are set out in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁴.
- (8) It is necessary to adopt a work programme for grants, the detailed rules on which are set out in Article 128(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and in Article 188(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012. The work programme is constituted by the Annexes 1 (sections 4.3.2 and 4.3.3), 2 (section 4.4.1) and 3 (section 4.3.2).
- (9) The authorising officer responsible should be able to award grants without a call for proposals provided that the conditions for an exception to a call for proposals in accordance with Article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 are fulfilled.
- (10) It is necessary to allow the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (11) Pursuant to Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, the Commission should define changes to this Decision that are not substantial in order to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer responsible.
- (12) The actions provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European Neighbourhood Instrument Committee set up by Article 15 of the financing instrument referred to in Recital 2,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the measure

The 2014 special measure in favour of Jordan for the Syria crisis, as set out in the Annexes, is approved.

The measure shall include the following actions:

- Annex 1: Support to the Response to the Syria Crisis in Jordan;
- Annex 2: Support to the Ministry of Education to deal with the Syrian Refugee Crisis;
- Annex 3: Provision of Higher Education to Syrian Youth affected by the crisis, in Jordan.

⁴ 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 Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the measure referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 66 million and shall be financed from the budget line 21 03 01 02 of the general budget of the European Union for 2014.

The financial contribution provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 3

Implementation modalities

The section “Implementation Issues” of the Annexes referred to in the second paragraph of Article 1 sets out the elements required by Article 94(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals by the authorising officer responsible in accordance with Article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

Article 4

Non-substantial changes

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million not exceeding 20% of the contribution referred to in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20% of that contribution, as well as extensions of the implementation period shall not be considered substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions. The use of a contingencies shall be taken into account in the ceiling set by this article.

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

Done at Brussels, 4.12.2014

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission