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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, 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 (2007-2013) for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership³, which set as priorities regional cooperation on the environment, including cleaning up pollution in the Mediterranean, transport, support for the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP), stepping up the dialogue between civil society stakeholders, migration, police and justice.
- (2) The 2010 Action Programme is designed to address these priorities by supporting the programmes "Euromed Police III", "Euromed Justice III", "Euromed Migration III", "Partnership for Peace", "Assistance to FEMIP", "Euromed Aviation II", "Euromed Road, Rail and Urban Transport", "Euromed Programme on Sustainable Water Management and de-pollution of the Mediterranean" and the Overall 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 Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget⁵ (hereafter 'the Implementing Rules').

¹ OJ L 310, 09.11.2007, p. 1.

² This action programme concerns the following Mediterranean partners: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, the Palestinian Territories, Syria and Tunisia.

³ C(2007)672.

⁴ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁵ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

- (4) The Union's maximum contribution under this Decision should cover any possible claims for payment of default interest based on Article 83 of the Financial Regulation and Article 106(5) of the Implementing Rules.
- (5) To ensure that any substantial amendment to this Decision is adopted using the same procedure as for the initial decision, the term "substantial change" should be interpreted in the light of Article 90(4) of the Implementing Rules,
- (6) The Commission is satisfied that the management systems established by the body or bodies to which the Commission will entrust the financial implementation of the European Union funds for the actions "Euromed Road, Urban and Rail Transport" (the "Support for Safe Road Transport" component) and "Assistance to FEMIP" satisfy the conditions for the delegation of these tasks under indirect central management, as provided for in Articles 56(1) of the Financial Regulation and Article 35 of the Implementing Rules.
- (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,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The 2010 Action Programme for the Mediterranean region, consisting of the following measures: "Euromed Police III", "Euromed Justice III", "Euromed Migration III", "Partnership for Peace", "Assistance to FEMIP", "Euromed Aviation II", "Euromed Road, Rail and Urban Transport", "Euromed Programme on Sustainable Water Management and de-pollution of the Mediterranean" and the Overall Allocation, the text of which may be found in the attached annexes, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the 2010 Action Programme is set at EUR 91.9 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Union for 2010.

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

Article 3

Cumulated changes in the amounts allocated to specific actions that do not exceed 20 % of the maximum European Union contribution shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the 2010 Action Programme. This may include an increase of up to 20% in the European Union's maximum contribution.

The authorising officer may amend this Decision in order to make non-substantial changes to the 2010 Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Article 4

The management system set up by the body or bodies to which the Commission will entrust the financial implementation of EU funds for the actions "Euromed Road, Urban and Rail Transport" (the "Support for Safe Road Transport" component) and "Assistance to FEMIP" meets the conditions for the delegation of tasks under indirect centralised management, as indicated in the table appended to the action fiche(s) concerned. The financial implementation tasks associated with these actions may therefore be entrusted to these bodies.

Done at Brussels, 4.8.2010

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEXES

2010 Annual Action Programme for the Mediterranean Region:

Annex 1 : Action fiche Euromed Police III

Annex 2 : Action fiche Euromed Justice III

Annex 3 : Action fiche Euromed Migration III

Annex 4 : Action fiche Partnership for Peace

Annex 5 : Action fiche Assistance to FEMIP

Annex 6 : Action fiche Euromed Aviation II

Annex 7 : Action fiche Euromed Road, Urban and Rail Transport

Annex 8 : Action fiche Overall Allocation

Annex 9 : Action fiche Euromed Programme on sustainable water management and depollution of the Mediterranean