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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002¹ on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, and in particular Article 49(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Council and the European Parliament, by adopting the general budget of the European Union of the year 2012, have approved the creation of a pilot project article providing support to the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum.
- (2) On 29 March 2012, the Commission adopted Decision C(2012)2002 on the 2012 Annual Action Programme for the European Instrument for the promotion of Democracy and Human Rights worldwide (EIDHR) to be financed under Article 19 04 01 of the general budget of the European Union. The Annual Action Programme adopted has a total of 10 Annexes corresponding to action fiches 1 to 10.
- (3) The purpose of the new action is to support the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum with the aim for this 2nd phase to maintain regular and systematic contacts between civil society in Russia and counterparts in the European Union Member States.
- (4) This 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 budget (hereinafter referred to as 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 the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget².
- (5) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by the present decision should cover any possible interest due for late payment on the basis of articles 83 of the Financial Regulation and 106(5) of its Implementing Rules.

¹ OJEU L 248 of 16.09.2002 p. 1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No1995/2006 (OJEU L 390, 30.12.2006, p.1)) and by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1525/2007 of 17 December 2007 (OJ L 343, 27.12.2007, p.9).

² OJEU L 357 of 31.12.2002, p.1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (CE, Euratom) No 478/2007 (OJEU L 111, 28.04.2007, p.13).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The pilot project "EU-Russia Civil Society Forum", the text of which is set out in the attached Annex, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the European Union is set at EUR 400 000 to be financed from budget article 19 04 06 of the general budget of the European Union for 2012.

Done at Brussels, 5.12.2012

For the Commission
Andris Piebalgs
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Action Fiche: Pilot project "EU-Russia Civil Society Forum"