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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 Instrument (ENPI)¹, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the ENPI East Regional Programme Strategy Paper 2010-2013 for ENPI Countries and the ENPI Regional Indicative Programme for the period 2010-2013², which provides for the following priorities: Democracy, Good Governance and Stability; Economic development; Climate Change, Energy and Environment; and Advancing integration with the EU and promoting Regional Cooperation.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Action Programme are to encourage more sustainable local energy policy, improve energy planning and strengthen institutional capacity for sustainable energy governance; to improve protection of freshwater and marine environments; to improve transport logistics processes and freight links and develop an integrated approach to aviation policy; to strengthen the effectiveness of border and customs controls by Moldovan and Ukrainian authorities; and to promote cultural regional cooperation among civil society organisations.
- (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 budget³ (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 the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget⁴ (hereafter 'the Implementing Rules').

¹ OJEU L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1

² C(2010)1144

³ OJ L 248 of 16.09.2002 p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 357 of 31.12.2002 p. 1.

- (4) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by the present decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment on the basis of articles 83 of the Financial Regulation and 106(5) of its Implementing Rules.
- (5) The Commission is required to define the term “substantial change” in the meaning of Article 90 (4) of the Implementing Rules to ensure that any substantial change in this decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial decision.
- (6) 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 Regional East Action Programme 2010 Part I in favour of ENP countries and Russia, constituted by the actions "Eastern Partnership Culture Programme Part II", "Supporting participation of Eastern Partnership and Central Asian Cities in the Covenant of Mayors", "Support to energy security in the Eastern Partnership and Central Asian states through statistical cooperation (INOGATE)", "Strengthening institutional capacity for sustainable energy governance in countries covered by the Eastern Partnership (INOGATE)", "Protection of freshwater and marine environments in the wider Black Sea region", "Logistics Processes and Motorways of the Sea II (TRACECA)", "TRACECA Regional Support to Civil Aviation", "European Union Border Assistance Mission to the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM 8)", "Support to the Multilateral Dimension of the Eastern Partnership/Global Allocation", the texts of which is set out in the attached Annexes, is approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 75.25 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 03 of the general budget of the European Union for 2010.

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

Article 3

Cumulated changes of the allocations to the specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the European Union shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the Annual Action Programme. This may include an increase of the maximum contribution of the European Union up to 20%.

The relevant authorising officer may amend the present Decision to introduce non substantial changes to the Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 26.7.2010

For the Commission
Štefan FÜLE
Member of the Commission

ANNEXES
Regional East Action Programme 2010 Part I

- Annex 1:** Eastern Partnership Culture Programme Part II
- Annex 2:** Supporting participation of Eastern Partnership and Central Asian Cities in the Covenant of Mayors
- Annex 3:** Support to energy security in the Eastern Partnership and Central Asian states through statistical cooperation (INOGATE)
- Annex 4:** Strengthening institutional capacity for sustainable energy governance in countries covered by the Eastern Partnership (INOGATE)
- Annex 5:** Protection of freshwater and marine environments in the wider Black Sea region
- Annex 6:** Logistics Processes and Motorways of the Sea II (TRACECA)
- Annex 7:** TRACECA Regional Support to Civil Aviation
- Annex 8:** European Union Border Assistance Mission to the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM 8)
- Annex 9:** Support to the Multilateral Dimension of the Eastern Partnership/Global Allocation
- Annex 10:** Support to the Multilateral Dimension of the Eastern Partnership/Global Allocation – Request for and prior approval for launching tender EuropeAid/129526/C/SER/Multi: organisation of conferences, seminars, meetings and trainings in the framework of the Eastern Partnership, the Black Sea Synergy and the Northern Dimension with suspension clause before the adoption of the financing decision