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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) The European Commission has adopted a Single Strategic Framework for the period 2014-2017³, point 1 of which provides for the following priorities: Reinforcing the rule of law for enhanced accountability and equity in public service delivery.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme 2016 (part 1) and 2017 (part 2) to be financed under the European Neighbourhood Instrument⁴ are to improve overall health, environmental conditions and quality of life of population by developing environmentally and financial sustainable systems for solid waste management and to support Jordan's reform process towards consolidation of deep democracy and to promote inclusiveness of national policy and decision making processes, including women and youth, leading to a stronger democratic and tolerant political culture.
- (3) The Action entitled "Support to the implementation of the National Solid Waste Management Strategy" aims at consolidating the existing regulatory framework; improving the transfer and disposal management system of Solid Waste in the Central and Northern Regions; improving the socio-economic well-being and health status of waste pickers working in dumpsites; raising general awareness, understanding and knowledge about key municipal solid waste management issues amongst the society. It will be implemented through Budget Support and Indirect management with the Agence Française de Développement and the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

¹ OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ C(2014) 5130.

⁴ Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 27).

- (4) The Action entitled “Enhanced Support to Democratic Governance in Jordan” aims at strengthening the functioning of the House of Representatives in exercising its core parliamentary functions; enhancing the functioning of the Independent Electoral Commission and other key stakeholders in contributing for elections to be conducted in a professional, transparent and credible manner; supporting the political party system and deepening the role of civil society in democratic governance and policy making. . It will be implemented through direct management (call for proposals) and Indirect management with Agencia Española de Cooperacion Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID).
- (5) It is necessary to adopt a financing Decision the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁵.
- (6) 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 Annex 2 (section 5.3.1).
- (7) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the entities specified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a delegation agreement. In accordance with Article 60(1) and (2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, the authorising officer responsible needs to ensure that these entities guarantee a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union equivalent to that required when the Commission manages Union funds. These entities comply with the conditions of points (a) to (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 60(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and the supervisory and support measures are in place as necessary.
- (8) 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.
- (9) Pursuant to Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, the Commission should define changes to this Decision which are not substantial in order to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer responsible.
- (10) The measures 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 Annual Action Programme 2016 (part 2) and 2017 (part 1) in favour of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, as set out in the Annexes, is approved.

The programme shall include the following actions:

- Annex 1: Support to the implementation of the National Solid Waste Management Strategy;

⁵ 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).

- Annex 2 Enhanced Support to Democratic Governance in Jordan.

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the programme referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 115,000,000 and shall be financed for an amount of EUR 15,000,000 from budget line 22.040101 of the general budget of the European Union for 2016; for an amount of EUR 37,800,000 from budget line 22.040102 of the general budget of the European Union for 2016; for an amount of EUR 32,200,000 from budget line 22.040103 of the general budget of the European Union for 2016; and for an amount of EUR 30,000,000 from budget line 22.040102 of the general budget of the European Union for 2017.

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

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2017 after the adoption of the budget for that financial year or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 3

Implementation modalities

Budget-implementation tasks under indirect management may be entrusted to the entities identified in the attached Annexes 1 and 2, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreements.

The section “Implementation” of the Annexes to this Decision sets out the elements required by Article 94(2) 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 set by 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 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, 17.10.2016

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission