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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 14(2)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 lays down the objectives and main principles for pre-accession assistance to candidate countries and potential candidates.
- (2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006, the assistance should be provided through multi-annual or annual programmes. These programmes should be drawn up in accordance with the general policy framework referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 and the relevant multi-annual indicative planning document referred to in Article 6 of that Regulation.
- (3) The Council established an Accession Partnership or a European Partnership for all candidate countries and potential candidates. The Commission has adopted on 20 June 2011 a Multi-annual Indicative Planning Document (MIPD) 2011-2013 for Serbia<sup>2</sup>, which presents indicative allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance to Serbia.
- (4) Having regard to the project proposals submitted by Serbia, the National Programme for Serbia under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2012 aims at providing assistance to the following sectors: Justice and Home Affairs, Public Administration Reform, Social Development, Private Sector Development, Environment, Climate Change and Energy, and Agriculture and Rural Development.
- (5) This Decision meets the requirements of Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation No 1605/2002<sup>3</sup> (hereafter: “Implementing Rules”) and constitutes thus a Financing Decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

<sup>2</sup> C(2011) 4210, 20.6.2011

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1

Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities<sup>4</sup> (hereafter: "Financial Regulation");

- (6) It is appropriate to implement Measure 3.1 of the Sector No 4 "Support to public administration reform" in joint management with the Council of Europe, Measure 5 of the Sector Fiche No 6 "Support to Social Development" in joint management with the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and Component 1 of the Project No 7 "Support to SME Development" in joint management with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), in accordance with Article 53d of the Financial Regulation.
- (7) Component 2 of Project No 1 should be implemented by indirect centralised management with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in accordance with Article 54 (2)c of the Financial Regulation.
- (8) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

The National Programme for Serbia under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2012, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

This programme shall be implemented by centralised management except for Measure 3.1 of the Sector No 4 "Support to public administration reform" which shall be implemented by joint management with the Council of Europe, Measure 5 of the Sector Fiche No 6 "Support to Social Development" which shall be implemented by joint management with the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Component 1 of the Project No 7 "Support to SME Development" which shall be implemented by joint management with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and Component 2 of the Project No 1 which shall be implemented by indirect centralised management with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

The programme shall be implemented by means of a Financing Agreement to be concluded between the Commission and the Government of Serbia in conformity with the Framework Agreement concluded between the same parties on 29 November 2007.

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<sup>4</sup> OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1

*Article 2*

The maximum amount of the European Union contribution shall be EUR 171 600 995 to be financed through Article 22.02.01 of the general budget of the European Union for 2012.

Done at Brussels, 7.12.2012

*For the Commission,  
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Member of the Commission*