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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 Strategy Paper 2007-2013² for the Republic of Moldova and the Multiannual National Indicative Programme for the period 2011-2013³, point 3 of which provides for the following priorities: good governance, rule of law and fundamental freedoms; social and human development; trade and sustainable development.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme 2012, as set out in the attached annexes, are: 1) to support reforms in the justice sector, 2) to support the preparation and subsequent implementation of new contractual relations with the EU (Association Agreement including a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area, as well as the visa liberalisation action plan), 3) to improve the governance of the Vocational Education and Training system, 4) to support economic, social and territorial cohesion with a focus on the development of an effective regional development policy.
- (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 the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget⁵ (hereafter 'the Implementing Rules').

¹ OJEU L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1

² C(2007)672

³ C(2010)1144

⁴ OJ L 248 of 16.09.2002, p. 1.

⁵ 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 Commission has ensured that the management systems set up by the entities to which the Commission will entrust implementation of EU funds for the actions set out in Annexes 3 and 4 comply with the conditions for the delegation of tasks under joint management and indirect centralised management, as provided for in Articles 53(d) and 56(1) of the Financial Regulation and Articles 43 and 35 of its Implementing Rules with regard to actions implemented under joint management and indirect centralised management.
- (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 Annual Action Programme 2012 in favour of the Republic of Moldova, constituted by the actions "Support to Justice Sector Reforms", "Framework programme in support of the current and new agreements between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova", "Support to the Vocational Education and Training sector", and "Pilot Regional Development Programmes", the text 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 94 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 03 of the general budget of the European Union for 2012.

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 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 Annual Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Article 4

The management systems set up by the entities to which the Commission will entrust implementation of EU funds for the actions set out in Annexes 3 and 4 comply with the conditions for the delegation of tasks under joint management and indirect centralised management, as indicated for the latter in the table attached as Appendix to Annex 4. The financial implementation of tasks related to these actions can thus be entrusted to these entities.

Done at Brussels, 3.8.2012

For the Commission
Antonio TAJANI
Vice-President

ANNEXES

Annual Action Programme 2012 for the Republic of Moldova

- Annex 1: Support to Justice Sector Reforms
- Annex 2: Framework programme in support of the current and new agreements between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova
- Annex 3: Support to the Vocational Education and Training sector
- Annex 4: Pilot Regional Development Programmes