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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 5.12.2016

on the second modification of Decision C (2016)1359 final on the Annual Action Programme 2016 part 1 in favour of Palestine¹ to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

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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 action², and in particular Article 2 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 1605/2002³, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision C (2016) 1359 final adopted on 29/02/2016 approved the programmes entitled "PEGASE Direct Financial Support to Recurrent Expenditures of the Palestinian Authority 2016 – part 1" and "Contribution to United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)'s 2016 Regular Budget". This Decision was financed under Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument⁴.
- (2) The purpose of this second modifying Decision is to increase the contribution to UNRWA by EUR 20 million, bringing the total contribution to UNRWA's general fund to EUR 102 million for 2016. This additional funding, together with contributions from other donors, will allow UNRWA to bridge its financial gap and thus keep schools open for Palestine refugees in all its fields of operation.
- (3) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) Committee set up by Article 15 of the financing instrument referred to in Recital 1,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the measure

Annex 2 of Decision C (2016) 1359 final is replaced by the following Annex:

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² OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.

³ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 27.

Annex: Contribution to UNRWA's 2016 Regular Budget.

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union UNRWA's 2016 Regular Budget referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 102,000,000 and shall be financed from budget line 22 04 01 04 of the general budget of the Union for 2016.

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

Done at Brussels, 5.12.2016

For the Commission
Johannes HAHN
Member of the Commission