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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)¹, 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 candidates 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 for all candidates and potential candidates an Accession Partnership or a European Partnership. The Commission has adopted on 4 July 2011 a multi-annual indicative planning document 2011-2013 for Bosnia and Herzegovina which presents indicative allocations for the main sectors for pre-accession assistance to the country concerned².
- (4) Therefore, and having regard to the project proposals submitted by the country concerned, the National Programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2011 aims at providing assistance primarily in the following sectors: Public Administration Reform, Justice and Home Affairs, Private Sector Development, Transport, Environment and Climate Change, and Social Development. The programme will continue to support the implementation of the Public Administration Reform Strategy and the strengthening of public financial management. Assistance is provided to upgrade the ICT systems in the judiciary as well as to align the penitentiary system with European standards. The programme will also support the construction of law enforcement infrastructure. In the area of private sector development, assistance will be given to the enforcement authorities regarding intellectual property rights, to the Competition Council and to the Indirect Taxation Authority. In addition, local economic development will be

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

² C(2011)4657 of 4 July 2011.

supported. Further assistance is directed at the modernization and development of the transport infrastructure and at the improvement of environmental infrastructure, in particular for waste management and water and waste water treatment. Social development will be supported through projects fostering the institutional capacities as regards entrepreneurial learning and higher education as well as through projects in favour of the Roma and other vulnerable and socially disadvantaged groups. In addition to support in these sectors, the programme will finance an acquis related project in the area of energy as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina's participation in EU programmes. Finally, the Commission continues its assistance to confidence building through demining and rehabilitation of cultural heritage.

- (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 1605/2002³ (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 Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁴ (hereafter: “Financial Regulation”);
- (6) It is appropriate to implement parts of this programme by joint management with the Council of Europe, the European Patent Office, the World Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the European Investment Bank. The grants to the international financial institutions (IFI) will leverage significant loans for major infrastructure investments provided by them. The EU's contribution will ensure that Bosnia and Herzegovina can conclude the loan agreements with IFIs.
- (7) 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2011, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

This programme shall be implemented partly by centralised management and partly by joint management with the Council of Europe, the European Patent Office, the World Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the European Investment Bank. It shall be implemented by means of a Financing Agreement to be concluded between the Commission and Bosnia and Herzegovina in conformity with the Framework Agreement concluded between the same parties on 30 July 2008.

³ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1

⁴ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1

Article 2

The maximum amount of European Union contribution shall be **EUR 91 280 000**, to be financed through Article 22.02.02 of the general budget of the European Union for 2011.

Done at Brussels, 5.12.2011

*For the Commission,
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Member of the Commission*