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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 13 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Union and Russia jointly launched a Partnership for Modernisation in June 2010 to serve as a flexible framework for promoting reform, enhancing growth and raising competitiveness.
- (2) This special measure for a Partnership for Modernisation Facility makes available a financial envelope for implementing a number of concrete projects in different sectors included in the priorities identified in the Joint Statement on the Partnership for Modernisation adopted at the EU-Russia Summit in June 2010 and the Work Plan agreed subsequently. The objective pursued by this special measure, as set out in the attached Annex, is to enable a rapid-response to the need for short and medium term cooperation to facilitate the on-going EU-Russia dialogues within the Partnership for Modernisation.
- (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 budget² (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 budget³ (hereafter 'the Implementing Rules').
- (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.

¹ OJEU L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1

² OJ L 248 of 16.09.2002 p. 1.

³ OJ L 357 of 31.12.2002, p.1.

- (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.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Special Measure: EU-Russia Partnership for Modernisation Facility phase II, the text of which is set out in the attached Annex, is approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the European Union to this Special Measure is set at EUR 4 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 03 of the general budget of the European Union for 2011.

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 special measure. 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 special measure in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 27.9.2011

*For the Commission
Catherine Ashton
Vice President of the Commission*

ANNEX

Special Measure: EU-Russia Partnership for Modernisation Facility phase II