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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 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 has established an Accession Partnership for Turkey². The Commission has adopted on 28 June 2011 a Multi-annual Indicative Planning Document 2011-2013 for Turkey³ which presents indicative allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance to that country.
- (4) Therefore, and having regard to the project proposals submitted by Turkey, the national programme for Turkey under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for the year 2012 identifies the priorities (1) to make progress in the critical areas of rule of law in order to tackle key reforms of the judiciary and fundamental rights; (2) to adopt the EU *acquis* in areas where there is complex legislation or costly requirements to adopt EU standards in areas such as transport, agriculture, food safety, environment, climate change and energy; (3) and to support Turkey in its economic and social development and to enhance competitiveness; thereby contributing to the achievement of the Copenhagen criteria.
- (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

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

² Council Decision 2008/157/EC of 18 February 2008 (OJ L 51, 26.02.2008, p. 4).

³ Commission Decision C(2011)4490.

implementation of Council Regulation No 1605/2002⁴ and constitutes thus a Financing Decision within the meaning of Article 75 (2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁵.

- (6) The administrative capacity of Turkey is sufficiently developed to allow for implementation of this programme by decentralised management, as provided for in Article 53c of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002.
- (7) The Commission concluded on 11 July 2008 a Framework Agreement with the Government of Turkey on the rules for co-operation and implementation of pre-accession assistance.
- (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 Turkey 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 decentralised management with ex-ante controls, with the exception of project TR2012/0315.10 "Energy sector programme – phase 1", which shall be implemented by joint management with the World Bank.

To that effect, two Financing Agreements shall be concluded between the Commission and the Government of Turkey in conformity with the Framework Agreement concluded between the same parties.

Article 2

The maximum amount of the European Union assistance shall be EUR 225 749 161 to be financed through Article 22.02.01 of the general budget of the European Union for the year 2012.

Done at Brussels, 21.6.2012

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁴ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

⁵ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1.