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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, and in particular Article 12 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 1605/2002<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation'), and in particular Article 84 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted, under the European Neighbourhood Policy the Regional Strategy Document (2007-2013) and the Regional Indicative Programme 2011-2013<sup>2</sup> for Euro-Mediterranean Partnership which provides for the following priorities: co-operation on sustainable economic development; stepping up the dialogue between civil society stakeholders, social development and support for the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP).
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme 2013 (Part 1) in favour of the Southern Region of the European Neighbourhood Policy are to support rule of law compliant investigations and prosecutions, support dialogues, political and economic research, support renewable energy, support trade development, support the Partnership for Peace Process, support investments and finance small scale measures through the global allocation.
- (3) This Decision complies with the conditions laid down in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>3</sup> (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules of Application').
- (4) The Commission may entrust budget-implementation tasks under joint management (indirect management with an international organisation) to the entities identified in the Annexes of this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a contribution agreement. The responsible authorising officer has ensured that these entities comply with the conditions of Article 53d of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> C(2012)6074 of 31.08.2012.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

June 2002<sup>4</sup> on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities<sup>5</sup>. (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation 1605/2002') and of Articles 35 and 43 of its Implementing Rules.

- (5) The Commission has ensured that the management system set up by the entities to which the Commission will entrust implementation of EU funds for the action "Support to the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP) (2013)" comply/ies with the conditions of Articles 56(1) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities and Article 35 of its Implementing Rules with regard to the actions implemented under indirect centralised management.
- (6) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by this Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of the Rules of Application.
- (7) The Commission is required to define the term "non-substantial change" in the sense of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer by delegation, or under his or her responsibility, by sub-delegation (hereinafter referred to as the 'responsible authorising officer')
- (8) 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*

##### **Adoption of the programme**

The Annual Action Programme 2013 (Part 1) in favour of the Southern Region of the European Neighbourhood Policy constituted by the actions identified in the second paragraph, is approved.

The actions, the description of which is set out in the attached Annexes 1 to 7 respectively, shall be:

- Annex 1: Support rule of law compliant investigations and prosecutions in the Maghreb region.
- Annex 2: Support to dialogues, political and economic research and studies of the Euro Mediterranean Partnership.
- Annex 3: Sustainable Electricity for the Mediterranean.
- Annex 4: Support to trade development in South Mediterranean through the Agadir Agreement.
- Annex 5: Partnership for Peace 2013.

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<sup>4</sup> OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1. These provisions remain applicable until 31 December 2013 according to Article 212 of the Financial Regulation.

<sup>5</sup> Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities. OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p.1. These provisions remain applicable until 31 December 2013 according to Article 212 of the Financial Regulation.

- Annex 6: Support to the Facility for Euro Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP) (2013).
- Annex 7: Euro-Mediterranean partnership global allocation for 2013-2014.

#### *Article 2*

##### **Financial contribution**

The maximum contribution of the European Union authorised by this Decision for the implementation of this programme is set at EUR 68 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Union for 2013.

#### *Article 3*

##### **Implementation modalities**

The budget-implementation tasks under indirect centralised and joint management shall be entrusted to the entities identified in the attached Annexes, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreements.

The financial contribution referred to in Article 2 shall also cover any possible interests due for late payment.

#### *Article 4*

##### **Non-substantial changes**

Increases or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the contribution referred to in the first paragraph of Article 2 shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions. The use of contingencies shall be taken into account in the ceiling referred to in this article.

The responsible authorising officer may adopt these non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 15.7.2013

*For the Commission*  
*Štefan FÜLE*  
*Member of the Commission*

## ANNEXES

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