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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of 24 October 2006 laying down the 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 the Country Strategy Paper (2007-2013) for Israel and the National Indicative Programme for the period 2011-2013, which indicates the priorities of support to the implementation of the joint priorities agreed in the EU-Israel Action Plan.
- (2) The objective pursued by the Annual Action Programme is to develop an increasingly close relationship between the EU and Israel, aiming at achieving a significant level of economic integration and deepening political co-operation.
- (3) The Decision complies with the conditions laid down in Article 94 of the 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>2</sup> (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules of Application')
- (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 Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of the Rules of Application.
- (5) 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').
- (6) 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.

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The Annual Action Programme 2013 in favour of Israel, "Support to ENP Action Plan", the text of which is set out in the attached Annex, is approved.

*Article 2*

The maximum contribution of the Community to the Annual Action Programme 2013 is set at EUR 2.0 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Union.

This maximum contribution shall also cover any possible interest due for late payment.

*Article 3*

Increases or cumulated changes to the allocations to the specific actions not exceeding 20% of the contribution referred to in the Article 2 shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives pursued. 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.

Section 4 of the Annex referred to in Article 1 sets out the elements required by Article 94(2) of the Rules of Application.

*Article 4*

This Decision will be implemented in conformity with the European Union's position that the territories which came under Israeli administration in June 1967 are not part of the territory of the State of Israel.

Done at Brussels, 1.8.2013

*For the Commission*  
*Cecilia MALMSTRÖM*  
*Member of the Commission*

**ANNEX**

Annual Action Programme 2013 for Israel: Action Fiche