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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 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 1605/2002² (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation'), and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the ENPI Strategy Paper 2007-2013³ for Armenia and the Multiannual National Indicative Programme for the period 2011-2013⁴, point 4 of which provides for the following priorities: democratic structures and good governance; trade and investment, regulatory alignment and reform; and socio-economic reform and sustainable development.
- (2) The Commission has adopted on 2 August 2013 the Decision C(2013) 5182 on the Annual Action Programme in favour of Armenia setting the maximum contribution from the European Union at EUR 54 million.
- (3) The objective of the action "Framework Programme in support of EU-Armenia Agreements", as set in Annex 3 to the Decision C(2013) 5182, is to prepare, negotiate, conclude, implement and monitor Armenia's agreements with the EU in priority areas, including an Association Agreement with a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA).
- (4) Following Armenia's recent announcement to join the Eurasian Customs Union, the conclusion of an EU-Armenia Association Agreement, including the DCFTA part, is no longer possible. Thus EU assistance to the implementation of the Association Agreement has consequently become irrelevant.
- (5) It is therefore appropriate to modify Annex 3 to the Decision C(2013) 5182 in order to adapt it to the current situation. Whereas support measures for the implementation of an Association Agreement, including a DCFTA, are withdrawn (EUR 13 million), support for the other EU-Armenia agreements, such as the Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements, and other EU-Armenia cooperation as originally foreseen is

¹ OJEU L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ C(2007)672

⁴ C(2010)1144

maintained and new support for civil society is made available. The other actions included in the Annual Action Programme supporting Agriculture and Rural Development – ENPARD Armenia, and Regional Development, as set in Annexes 1 and 2 to the Decision C(2013) 5182 respectively, are not modified.

- (6) 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 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules of Application').
- (7) 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

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union authorised by Decision C(2013) 5182 is reduced to EUR 41 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 03 of the general budget of the European Union for 2013.

Article 2

Annexes

Annex 3 of Decision C(2013) 5182 is replaced by Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 25.11.2013

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission