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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to the Regulation (EC) n°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,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Lebanon² and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2011-2013³, points 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 of which provide for the following priorities:
 - Support to political reform.
 - Support to social and economic reform.
 - Support to recovery and reinvigoration of the country.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme 2011 are to provide technical support and capacity development to reforms in Lebanon in the areas of justice, municipal finance and environmental governance thus responding to the priority areas of the Multiannual Indicative Programme 2011-2013 and to the ones set out in the EU-Lebanon Action Plan.
- (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 budget⁴ (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 budget⁵ (hereafter 'the Implementing Rules').

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1-14.

² C(2007) 672 of 27.02.2007.

³ C(2010)1144 of 02.03.2010.

⁴ OJ L 248 of 16.09.2002 p. 1-48.

⁵ OJ L 357 of 31.12.2002, p. 1.-71

- (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.
- (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.
- (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,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annual Action Programme in favour of the Republic of Lebanon, constituted by the actions Support to the Reform of the Judiciary (EUR 5 million), Support to Reforms – Environmental Governance (EUR 8 million) and Support to Municipal Finance Reforms (EUR 20 million), and the text of which is set out in the attached Annexes, is approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 33 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 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 Annual Action Programme. 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 Annual Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 11.8.2011

For the Commission
Štefan FÜLE
Member of the Commission

ANNEXES

Annual Action Programme 2011 for Lebanon

Annex 1: Support to the Reform of the Judiciary (EUR 5 million)

Annex 2: Support to Reform – Environmental Governance (EUR 8 million)

Annex 3: Support to Municipal Finance Reforms in Lebanon (EUR 20 million)