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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)<sup>1</sup>, 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>2</sup> (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation'), and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Jordan<sup>3</sup> and the Multiannual National Indicative Programme ( NIP) for the period 2011-2013<sup>4</sup>, point 2.3.2 of which provides for the following priority: Sustainability of the growth process, Supporting Jordan's reform in the areas of democracy, human rights, media and justice.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme are to support poverty reduction, a more inclusive and sustainable growth and the implementation of the Action Plan.
- (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>5</sup> (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules of Application').
- (4) The Commission may entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect centralised management (indirect management with a Member State agency) to the entities identified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a delegation agreement. The responsible authorising officer has accordingly ensured that these entities comply with the conditions of Article 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

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1-14.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> C(2007)672 of 27.02.2007.

<sup>4</sup> C(2010)1144 of 02.03.2010.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

European Communities<sup>6</sup> (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation 1605/2002') and of Article 35 of its Implementing Rules<sup>7</sup>.

- (5) The Commission may entrust budget-implementation tasks under decentralised management (indirect management with the partner country) to the beneficiary third country identified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a financing agreement. The degree of decentralisation foreseen complies with the conditions of Article 53c and 56 of the Financial Regulation 1605/2002.
- (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 in favour of the Kingdom of Jordan, 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 2, respectively, shall be:

- Promoting financial inclusion through improved governance and outreach of Microfinance in Jordan;
- Support to the implementation of the Action Plan programme IV (SAPP IV).

### *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 47 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**

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<sup>6</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>7</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.

Section 4 of the attached Annexes shall set out the elements required by Article 94(2) of the Rules of Application.

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

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

#### *Article 4*

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

Increases or cumulated changes to the allocations to the 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 relevant authorising officer may adopt these non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 2.8.2013

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

## ANNEXES

Annex 1: action fiche “Promoting financial inclusion through improved governance and outreach of Microfinance in Jordan”

Annex 2: action fiche “Support to the implementation of the Action Plan programme IV (SAPP IV)”