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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to the European Parliament and the Council Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of 24 October 2006 laying down the general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)¹, and in particular Article 13(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper² for Israel and the National Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2011³, 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 present Decision constitutes a Financing Decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N°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 Financing Regulation applicable to the general budget⁵ (hereafter 'the Implementing Rules').
- (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 (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 and 106(5) of its 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 2.03.2010.

⁴ OJ L 248, 16.09.2002, p. 1-48.

⁵ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1-71.

- (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.
- (7) The European Union contribution to be financed from the budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Union for 2012 is subject to the suspension clause of the adoption of the 2012 budget by the Budgetary Authority and the availability of the corresponding funds.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

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

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 4 million: 2 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Union for 2011 and 2 million to be financed from the same budget line in 2012.

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

Article 3

Cumulated changes of the allocation to the action not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the European Action 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.

Article 4

The implementation of the programme depending on the commitment of EUR 2 million from the 2012 budget is conditional upon the adoption of the 2012 budget by the budgetary Authority and the availability of the corresponding funds.

Done at Brussels, 28.11.2011

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Action Fiche Support to European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan