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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action², and in particular Article 2 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 1605/2002³, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision C (2015) 690 final adopted on 10 February 2015 approved the programmes entitled "PEGASE Direct Financial Support to Recurrent Expenditures of the Palestinian Authority 2015 – part 1" and "Contribution to UNRWA's 2015 Regular Budget". This Decision was financed under Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument⁴.
- (2) The Commission should take note that EUR 10 million was added to Decision C (2015) 690 final by the responsible authorising officer as a non-substantial change under the flexibility provision of Article 4 of Decision C (2015) 690 final.
- (3) The first purpose of this modifying Decision is to increase the contribution to UNRWA by EUR 10 million, bringing the total contribution to UNRWA's general fund to EUR 102 million for 2015. This additional funding, together with contributions from other donors, will allow UNRWA to bridge its financial gap and thus keep schools open for Palestine refugees in all its fields of operation.
- (4) The second purpose of this modifying Decision is to authorise the receipt of a contribution of EUR 25,000 from Portugal and of EUR 1.5 million from Austria to the Vulnerable Palestinian Families component of the PEGASE programme.
- (5) The Commission should acknowledge and accept the contribution from other donors pursuant to Article 21(2)(b) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, subject to the signature of the relevant agreement, and should decide on the use of such contribution. Where such contribution is not denominated in euro, a reasonable estimate of conversion should be made.

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² OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.

³ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 27.

- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) Committee set up by Article 15 of the financing instrument referred to in Recital 1,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the measure

The Annexes of Decision C (2015) 690 final are replaced by the following:

Annex 1: PEGASE Direct Financial Support to Recurrent Expenditures of the Palestinian Authority 2015 – part 1;

Annex 2: Contribution to UNRWA's 2015 Regular Budget.

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the programme referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 233,525,000 and shall be financed from budget line 21 03 01 04 of the general budget of the European Union for 2015.

The financial contribution provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

Done at Brussels, 10.11.2015

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission