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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 Instrument¹ (hereinafter referred to as ‘the basic act’), and in particular Article 13 thereof, which provides for the adoption of this Decision,

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 continued conflict, violence and hardship in Syria are forcing an unprecedented number of people to seek refuge in Lebanon and neighbouring countries, stretching the resources of host communities to the limit.
- (2) The objectives pursued by this special measure are to support education facilities in order to ensure access to education to Syrian refugee children and Palestine refugee children from Syria. Given that such support is not programmed under the Multi annual Indicative Programme 2011-2013 for Lebanon, a special measure is necessary in order to respond swiftly to the crisis.
- (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 (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union³ (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Rules of Application’).
- (4) The Commission may entrust budget-implementation tasks under joint management (indirect management with an international organisation) to the entities identified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a contribution agreement. The responsible authorising officer has ensured that these entities comply with the conditions of Article 53d of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁴

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1. These provisions remain applicable until 31 December 2013 according to Article 212 of the Financial Regulation.

(hereinafter referred to as ‘the Financial Regulation 1605/2002’) and of Articles 35 and 43 of its Implementing Rules⁵.

- (5) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by this Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due on account of late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of the Rules of Application.
- (6) 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 change can be adopted by the authorising officer by delegation, or under his or her responsibility, by sub-delegation (hereinafter referred to as ‘the relevant authorising officer’).
- (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

Adoption of the programme

The Special Measure III 2013 in favour of the Republic of Lebanon, constituted by the action identified in the second paragraph, is approved.

The action, the description of which is set out in the attached Annex, shall be:

- EU response to the consequences of the Syrian crisis.

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 40 million, to be financed from budget line 19.080101 of the general budget of the European Union for 2013.

Article 3

Implementation modalities

Section 4 of the Annex referred to in the second paragraph of Article 1 sets out the elements required by Article 94(2) of the Rules of Application.

Budget-implementation tasks under joint management may be entrusted to the entities identified in the attached Annex, subject to conclusion of the relevant agreements.

The financial contribution referred to in Article 2 shall also cover any possible interest due for late payment.

⁵ 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.

Article 4

Non-substantial changes

Increases or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20% of the contribution referred to in 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 responsible authorising officer may adopt these non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 9.9.2013

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

- EU response to the consequences of the Syrian crisis.