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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), 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 1605/2002¹ (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 Jordan² and the Multiannual National Indicative Programme (NIP) for the period 2011-2013³, point 2.5.1. of which provides for the following priority of the NIP: Sustainability of the growth process, Supporting Jordan in the area of human resources development.
- (2) The continued conflict, violence and hardship in Syria are forcing an unprecedented number of people to seek refuge in Jordan and neighbouring countries, stretching the resources of host communities to the limit.
- (3) The purpose of the present modifying Decision is to provide additional financial support to Jordanian Government in coping with the effects of refugee presence. This additional funding will increase the budget of the action "EU Support for the second phase of education reform".
- (4) The objectives are to support education facilities in order to ensure access to education to Syrian refugee children from Syria and support host communities; to ensure that the Jordanian government's education reform programme remains on track despite the pressure of coping with the refugee influx, to change the management mode of one component to allow Joint Management with UNESCO and to extend the operational period by 12 months.
- (5) 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

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OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² C(2007)672 of 27.02.2007.

³ C(2010)1144 of 02.03.2010.

- of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union⁴ (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules of Application').
- (6) The maximum contribution of the European Union to the action "EU Support for the second phase of education reform" includes the original amount of EUR 23 million, the SPRING contribution of EUR 10 million and the additional EUR 30 million set by the present modifying Decision.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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').
- (9) 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 Annex "EU Support for the second phase of education reform" of Commission Decision C(2011)5702 is replaced by the Annex of this Decision.

Article 2

Financial contribution

Article 2 of Decision C(2011)5702 is replaced by the following text:

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 101 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Union.

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

Article 3

Implementation modalities

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

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

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

⁴ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

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, 27.9.2013

For the Commission Štefan FÜLE Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Annex: Action Fiche "EU Support for the second phase of education reform"