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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 2006¹ laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted, under the European Neighbourhood Policy², the Regional Strategy Document (2007-2013) and the Regional Indicative Programme 2011-2013 for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership³, which set as priorities regional co-operation on transport, support for the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP), stepping up the dialogue between civil society stakeholders, information society, and culture.
- (2) The objectives pursued by this Annual Action Programme are to address the difficulties in the Middle East peace process through Partnership for Peace, to promote Private Sector development with Support to FEMIP, to enhance co-operation in Information Society in the Euro-Mediterranean region through EUMEDRegNet II, to promote Maritime Safety through EuroMed Transport SafeMed III, to promote understanding and intercultural dialogue through Anna Lindh Foundation III and to finance small-scale measures through the Global Allocation.
- (3) The present Decision constitutes a Financing Decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 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 Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget⁵ (hereafter 'the Implementing Rules').

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

² This action programme concerns the following Mediterranean partners: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, occupied Palestinian territory, Syria and Tunisia.

³ C(2007)672.

⁴ OJ L 248 of 16.09.2002, p. 1.

⁵ OJ L 357 of 31.12.2002, p. 1.

- (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 and 106(5) of its Implementing Rules.
- (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 Commission has ensured that the management system set up by the entities to which the Commission will entrust implementation of EU funds for the actions "Support to FEMIP" comply with the conditions for the delegation of tasks under indirect centralised management, as provided for in Articles 56(1) of the Financial Regulation and article 35 of its Implementing Rules with regard to the actions implemented under indirect centralised management.
- (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.
- (8) The European Union contribution to be financed under article 19.080101 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 the Mediterranean region, constituted by the actions “Middle East Peace Projects (MEPP) – EU Partnership for Peace programme 2011 (PfPP)”, “Support to FEMIP (2011)”, “EUMEDRegNet II”, “EuroMed Transport SafeMed III”, “Anna Lindh Foundation III for Inter-Cultural Dialogue” and "Euro-Mediterranean Partnership Global Allocation for 2011-2012", the text of which is set out in the attached Annexes, is approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the European Union to this Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 67.79 million to be financed from budget line 19.080101 of the general budget of the European Union for 2011, plus further EUR 5 million to be financed from the same budget line of the budget of the European Union for 2012, subject to the availability of funds.

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

Article 3

Cumulated changes of the allocations to the specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the European Union 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 management systems set up by the entity to which the Commission will entrust implementation of EU funds for the action "Support to FEMIP" comply with the conditions for the delegation of tasks under indirect centralised management, as indicated in the table attached as Appendix to the concerned action fiche. The financial implementation of tasks related to this action can thus be entrusted to this entity.

Article 5

The implementation of the programme depending on the commitment of EUR 5 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, 29.7.2011

For the Commission
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[Member of the Commission]

ANNEXES

2011 Annual Action Programme for the Mediterranean Region:

Annex 1: action fiche Middle East Peace Projects (MEPP) – EU Partnership for Peace programme 2011 (PfPP)

Annex 2: action fiche Support to FEMIP (2011)

Annex 3: action fiche EUMEDRegNet II

Annex 4: action fiche EuroMed Transport SafeMed III

Annex 5: action fiche Anna Lindh Foundation III for Inter-Cultural Dialogue

Annex 6: action fiche Euro-Mediterranean Partnership Global Allocation for 2011-2012