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

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Syria<sup>2</sup> and the National Indicative Programme for the period 2011-2013<sup>3</sup>. In light of the ongoing repression and restrictive measures taken by the Council of the European Union, the Commission has suspended on 25 May 2011 the National Indicative Programme for Syria.
- (2) The criteria set out in Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 and conditions for the special measure are fulfilled. All ongoing and new bilateral co-operation programmes with the Syrian authorities are suspended since 25 May 2011. Security issues and negative travel advice issued by EU Member States are creating major operational constraints to EU-funded projects in Syria. The crisis situation, as defined in Article 168(2) of the Implementing Rules of the Financial Regulation, was acknowledged on 15 February 2012.
- (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 budget<sup>4</sup> (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 budget<sup>5</sup> (hereafter 'the Implementing Rules').

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1-14.

<sup>2</sup> C(2007)672 of 27.02.2007.

<sup>3</sup> C(2010)1144 of 2.03.2010.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 248 of 16.09.2002 p. 1.

<sup>5</sup> 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 systems set up by the entities to which the Commission will entrust implementation of EU funds for the actions "Support for areas affected by the influx of Syrian refugees to Lebanon II" and "Support for education, mentoring and skills development for displaced Syrians in Jordan" comply with the conditions for the delegation of tasks under joint management, as provided for in Articles 53d of the Financial Regulation and articles 35 and 43 of its Implementing Rules with regard to the actions implemented under joint management.
- (7) The measure 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 2012 second Special Measure for Syrian refugees, constituted by the actions "Support for areas affected by the influx of syrian refugees to Lebanon II" and "Support for education, mentoring and skills development for displaced Syrians in Jordan", the text of which is set out in the attached Annexes, is approved.

#### *Article 2*

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the 2012 second Special Measure for Syrian refugees is set at EUR 20.848 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Union for 2012.

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 2012 second Special Measure for Syrian refugees. 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 2012 second Special Measure for Syrian refugees in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

#### *Article 4*

The management systems set up by the entities to which the Commission will entrust implementation of EU funds for the actions "Support for areas affected by the influx of Syrian refugees to Lebanon II" and "Support for education, mentoring and skills development for displaced Syrians in Jordan" comply with the conditions for the delegation of tasks under joint management, as indicated in the tables attached as Appendix to the concerned action fiches. The financial implementation of tasks related to these actions can thus be entrusted to these entities.

Done at Brussels, 14.12.2012

*For the Commission*  
*Štefan FÜLE*  
*Member of the Commission*

## **ANNEXES**

**Annex 1: action fiche Support for areas affected by the influx of Syrian refugees to Lebanon II**

**Annex 2: action fiche Support for education, mentoring and skills development for displaced Syrians in Jordan**