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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)¹, 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 1605/2002² (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation'), and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision C(2011)5703 adopted on 11 August 2011 approved the action "Support to Municipal Finance Reforms in Lebanon".
- (2) The original action was designed to focus on the reform of municipal finances. While this is still relevant, the recent dramatically increasing influx of refugees from Syria to Lebanon has changed significantly the conditions and needs in the municipalities. In this context, it was agreed with the Lebanese Government to reorient the project in order to assist municipalities in alleviating the short- and medium term needs of their communities and of refugees from Syria settling in them. The purpose of the present modifying Decision is (i) to reorient the objectives and expected results in order to support the Syrian refugees' host communities and (ii) to extend the implementation period.
- (3) This Decision complies with the conditions laid down in Article 94 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules of Application').
- (4) 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:

Sole article

Annex 3 of Decision C(2011)5703 is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1-14.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

Done at Brussels, 24.6.2013

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Annex: Support for Municipal Finance in Lebanon