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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) 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 Instrument (ENPI)\(^1\), and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Jordan\(^2\) and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2011-2013\(^3\), point 2.3 of which provides for the following priority: democratisation, civil society and media.

(2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme 2012 (part I) in favour of the Kingdom of Jordan are to further support the national Jordan reform agenda. The overall objective is to strengthen democracy in Jordan through increased participation of citizens in political life and through increased independence, quality, and credibility of the media and civil society organisations.


(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.

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\(^2\) C(2007)672 of 27.02.2007.
\(^3\) C(2010)1144 of 02.03.2010.
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.

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 Annual Action Programme 2012 (part I) in favour of the Kingdom of Jordan, constituted by the action "Support to civil society and media in Jordan" (EUR 10 million), the text of which is set out in the attached Annex, is approved.

**Article 2**

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the Annual Action Programme 2012 (part I) in favour of the Kingdom of Jordan is set at EUR 10 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 Annual Action Programme 2012 (part I) in favour of the Kingdom of Jordan. 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 2012 (part I) in favour of the Kingdom of Jordan in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 17.9.2012

*For the Commission*

Štefan FÜLE

*Member of the Commission*
ANNEX

Action fiche: Support to civil society and media in Jordan