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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 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter referred to as ‘the basic act’), and in particular Article 13 thereof, which provides for the adoption of this Decision,

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 1605/2002<sup>2</sup> (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 Lebanon and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2011-13<sup>3</sup>, points 2.3 (sub-priority 3), 2.4 and 2.5 (sub-priority 2) of which provide for the following priorities: support to political reforms, support to social and economic reforms, and support to the recovery and reinvigoration of the economy.
- (2) The objectives pursued by this Special Measure are to support basic infrastructure and socio-economic recovery in the refugee hosting communities of Lebanon in order to mitigate the impacts of the Syrian crisis. This objective lies outside of the National Indicative Programme (NIP) which did neither foresee basic infrastructure measures and short-term job creation (economic recovery) for refugees nor the accompanying social support and counselling actions. Therefore, this action is proposed as a Special Measure which reorients funding originally programmed in the NIP under sub-priority 2.4 (support to social and economic reforms) towards the response to the refugee crisis.
- (3) 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 of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>4</sup> (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Rules of Application’).

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> C(2010)1144 of 2.3.2010.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

- (4) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by this Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of the Rules of Application.
- (5) 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 changes 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’).
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the ENPI Committee set up under Article 26 of the basic act,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

##### **Adoption of the programme**

The Special Measure II 2013 in favour of the Republic of Lebanon, constituted by the action identified in the second paragraph, is approved.

The action, the description of which is set out in the attached Annex, shall be:

- Support to enhance basic infrastructure and economic recovery in Lebanon.

#### *Article 2*

##### **Financial contribution**

The maximum contribution of the European Union authorised by this Decision for the implementation of this programme is set at EUR 18 million, to be financed from budget line 19.080101 of the general budget of the European Union for 2013.

#### *Article 3*

##### **Implementation modalities**

Section 4 of the Annex referred to in the second paragraph of 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 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, 9.9.2013

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

## ANNEX

- Support to enhance basic infrastructure and economic recovery in Lebanon.