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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No.1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid¹, and in particular Article 2 (a) and Article 15(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision C(2010)3623 adopted on 1 June 2010 made available EUR 1,500,000 from budget article 23 02 01 to support a rapid intervention response for small-scale disasters worldwide in the form of a contribution to the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), within a 16-month long implementation period, starting on 1 April 2010.
- (2) Due to a very high incidence of localised natural disasters in the second quarter of 2010, over the period April-July 2010 the financial support provided to DREF operations launched by the IFRC reached a global amount of EUR 1,419,236, representing 94.6% of the total available under this Decision.
- (3) Given the rising trend in natural disasters and taking into account a possible intensification of localised emergencies worldwide in the second half of the year, which is typically more disaster-prone, there is a need to provide continued support to the IFRC so as to address the humanitarian consequences of these events in a swift and effective manner.
- (4) It is therefore appropriate to increase the budget allocated to Decision C(2010)3623 by EUR 1,500,000 from budget article 23.02.01 and to amend the Decision accordingly, in order to keep pursuing the Decision's objective to respond to specific imminent, sudden or slow-onset small-scale disasters, so as to preserve life and to substitute for the loss of basic subsistence.
- (5) Taking into account the available budget, contributions from other donors and other factors, the total amount of Decision C(2010)3623 as hereby amended is EUR 3,000,000 from budget article 23.02.01 of the general budget of the European Union.

¹ OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 1.

- (6) In accordance with article 17(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No.1257/96 of 20 June 1996, the Humanitarian Aid Committee gave a favourable opinion on 8 September 2010.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Decision C(2010)3623 is amended as follows:

Article 1 is replaced by the following:

"In accordance with the objectives and general principles of humanitarian aid, the Commission hereby approves a total amount of EUR 3,000,000 for the financing of humanitarian actions in the form of a contribution to the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF), from budget article 23 02 01 of the 2010 general budget of the European Union".

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

[...]

Member of the Commission



**COMMISSION DECISION AMENDING COMMISSION DECISION C(2010)3623
23 02 01**

Title: Commission Decision amending Commission Decision C(2010)3623 of 1 June 2010 on the financing of humanitarian Actions in the form of a contribution to the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) from the general budget of the European Union

Location of Action: Global

Amount of Decision: EUR 1,500,000

Decision reference number: ECHO/DRF/BUD/2010/02000

Explanatory memorandum

Rationale for the amendment

Commission Decision C(2010)3623 adopted on 1 June 2010 provides for the funding of a suitable intervention response for small-scale disasters in the form of a European Union's contribution to the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), within a 16-month long implementation period starting on 1 April 2010.

The EUR 1,500,000 Decision's budget was allocated with a view to respond to small-scale crises arising in 2010 for which suitable and eligible DREF operations would be launched by the IFRC. The amount appeared proportionate and adequate for a time-span of approximately 9 months (April to December), taking into account the number of DREF operations supported by the European Commission over a 12-month period under its previous contribution to the DREF (Decision C(2008)8755 of 17 December 2008). From April 2009 to March 2010, thirty (30) DREF operations launched by the IFRC were supported by the Commission under Decision C(2008)8755, for a total amount of EUR 2,000,000.

However, a very high incidence of localised natural disasters in the second quarter of 2010, in particular floods and landslides, has resulted in the need to support 19 DREF operations only for the period April-July, for a global amount of EUR 1,419,236, which represents 94.6% of the total available budget under this Decision. Out of this budget, seven allocations were made to African countries, for a total amount of EUR 386,393, five allocations to Central Asia, for a total amount of EUR 386,814, three allocations to South Asia, for a total amount of EUR 315,129. Floods in Eastern Europe (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Ukraine, Moldova) absorbed EUR 310,000. One operation was financed in Central America. Such a high consumption rate has nearly exhausted the financial resources available while the trend in natural disasters is on the rise and an intensification in localised emergencies cannot be

excluded for the second half of 2010, also in connection with the start of the so-called 'disaster seasons' (monsoons, storms and typhoons) in vulnerable regions of the world.

This amendment aims to top up the Decision's budget in order to keep pursuing the Decision's objective to respond to specific imminent, sudden or slow-onset small-scale disasters over the second half of 2010, so as to preserve life and to substitute for the loss of basic subsistence.

Proposed amendment

Taking into account the available budget, contributions from other donors to the DREF and other factors, it is proposed that the total amount of Decision C(2010)3623 be increased from EUR 1,500,000 to EUR 3,000,000 from budget article 23.02.01 of the general budget of the European Union.