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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 aid<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Articles 2(a) and 15(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision C(2010) 5698 adopted on 11 August 2010 provides for the funding of emergency humanitarian actions in favour of the population affected by the floods in Pakistan from the general budget of the European Union for a total amount of EUR 10,000,000 from budget article 23 02 01. The period for the implementation of the actions financed under this Decision started on 22 July 2010.
- (2) Commission decision C(2010) 5698 was modified a first time by Decision C(2010) 6039 of 1 September 2010 to increase its amounts by EUR 10,000,000 from budget article 23 02 01 and by EUR 20,000,000 from budget article 23 02 02, bringing the total budget of the Decision to EUR 40,000,000.
- (3) Since the first modification of the emergency funding Decision mentioned above, the situation has continued to worsen in Pakistan which is confronted to the worst flood situation ever in its history.
- (4) The floods have now affected 84 districts out of a total of 121 in Pakistan and more than 20 million people – one-tenth of Pakistan's population –, devastating villages from the Himalayas to the Arabian Sea. Within the 20 million people affected, over 12 million are still in dire need of emergency relief assistance especially as the situation continues to evolve. Bearing in mind the scale of the crisis, thousands of people have not yet received any kind of assistance.
- (5) The United Nations Pakistan Initial Floods Emergency Response Plan requested on 11 August USD 460,000,000 for projects. On 17 September 2010, the United Nations has

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 1

presented, in New-York, a fully revised response plan amounting to more than USD 2 billion.

- (6) In view of this situation, there is an urgent need to scale up the emergency response to the most affected victims of the floods.
- (7) It is therefore appropriate to increase the amount of Decision C(2010) 5698 to save and preserve life of the populations affected by the floods in Pakistan by EUR 70,000,000 from budget article 23 02 01 and to amend Decision C(2010) 5698 accordingly.
- (8) It is estimated that an amount of EUR 50,000,000 out of the total increase should be made available from the budget for 2010, EUR 20,000,000 being already made available. If the necessary funds were not sufficiently available under that budget, necessary appropriations under the budget for 2011 should be used for the implementation of this Decision
- (9) 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 14 October 2010,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

Decision C(2010) 5698 is amended as follows:

1. Article 1(1) is replaced by the following:

«1. In accordance with the objectives and general principles of humanitarian aid, the Commission hereby approves a total amount of EUR 110,000,000, of which EUR 90,000,000 from budget article 23 02 01 and EUR 20,000,000 from budget article 23 02 02, for the financing of humanitarian Actions in Pakistan from the general budget of the European Union. »

2. Article 1(2) is replaced by the following:

«2. In accordance with Article 2(a) of Council Regulation No.1257/96, the principal objective of this Decision is to save and preserve life of the populations affected by the floods in Pakistan.

The humanitarian actions shall be implemented in the pursuance of the following specific objectives:

- to improve the humanitarian situation of people affected by the floods in Pakistan by providing emergency humanitarian aid through multi-sectoral assistance.

A total of EUR 90,000,000 is allocated to this specific objective under budget article 23 02 01

- to provide food assistance and early recovery support to people affected by the floods in Pakistan.

A total of EUR 20,000,000 is allocated to this specific objective under budget article 23 02 02.»

#### *Article 2*

Out of the total increase of EUR 70,000,000, EUR 50,000,000 from budget article 23 02 01 shall be conditional upon the necessary appropriations being made available under the budget for 2010. In the absence thereof, this amount shall be conditional upon the availability of the appropriations provided for in the preliminary draft budget for 2011, after the adoption of the budget for 2011 by the budgetary authority.

Done at Brussels, [...]

*For the Commission*

[...]

*Member of the Commission*

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Location of Action: Pakistan

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### **1. Explanatory memorandum**

#### **Rationale for the amendment**

- Since the adoption on 11 August 2010 of the emergency funding Decision, first modified on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010, the situation has continued to worsen in Pakistan which is confronted by the worst flood situation ever in its history.
- The floods have now affected 84 districts out of a total of 121 in Pakistan and more than 20 million people – one-tenth of Pakistan's population – devastating villages from the Himalayas to the Arabian Sea.
- Seven weeks since heavy rainfall and flash floods claimed their first victims, flood waves continue to devastate the southern province of Sindh, where the full extent of losses and damages may not be known for several weeks.
- The United Nations Pakistan Initial Floods Emergency Response Plan requested on 11 August USD 460 million for projects. On 17 September 2010, the United Nations has presented, in New-York, a fully revised response plan amounting to more than USD 2 billion.
- The experts of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (DG ECHO) deployed in Pakistan have been able to visit all the affected areas so far and have therefore being able to provide first hand assessment. They all confirm that the needs are far from being covered and that the capacity of humanitarian actors is not yet overstretched.
- The main sectors of intervention remain still water and sanitation (WASH), health, shelter, distribution of non-food items (NFIs) and food assistance.
- Within the 20 million people affected, over 12 million are still in dire need of emergency relief assistance especially as the situation continues to evolve. Bearing in mind the scale of the crisis, thousand of people have not yet received any kind of assistance.

- There is a need to strengthen the humanitarian aid response coordination in Pakistan, UNOCHA being the internationally mandated agency in this regard.
- In view of this situation, there is an urgent need to scale up once more the emergency response to the most affected victims of the floods.

It is therefore appropriate to increase the amount of the Decision ECHO/PAK/BUD/2010/02000 by another EUR 70,000,000 to scale up the emergency response to the most affected victims of the floods.

## **2. Proposed Amendment**

In view of the situation described above and based on the findings of DG ECHO assessment, it is proposed to increase the allocation of the existing specific objective 1 – 'To improve the humanitarian situation of people affected by the floods in Pakistan by providing emergency humanitarian aid through multi-sectoral assistance' by EUR 70,000,000 from budget article 23 02 01 bringing the total amount of the decision to 110,000,000 EUR.

It is estimated that an amount of EUR 50,000,000, out of the proposed increase amount of EUR 70,000,000, is subject to the availability of the necessary funds under the 2010 budget through further release notably from the budgetary reserves, EUR 20,000,000 being already made available.

If the necessary funds were not to be sufficiently available under the 2010 budget, the necessary appropriations under the budget for 2011 should be used for the implementation of this Decision, subject to the adoption of the draft budget for 2011 by the budgetary authority.