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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, notably 2(c), 4, and Article 15 (2) and (3) thereof:

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision C(2010)680 adopted on 08 February 2010 provides for the funding of humanitarian aid for the most vulnerable populations in Sudan with an amount of EUR 114,000,000 during a 18 month long implementation period, starting on 1 January 2010.
- (2) The humanitarian situation in Sudan continues to present major concerns inter alia due to ongoing displacements of the population and a deteriorating food security situation.
- (3) There is a risk of substantial shortages in the Sudan food aid pipeline managed by the World Food Programme (WFP) due to increasing needs for food aid resulting from displacements, drought and high food prices. Additional support is required to be able to procure, preposition and deliver food assistance to 6 million people in Darfur, the South and the Transitional Areas.
- (4) The implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and the referenda on self-determination for the people of South Sudan and Abyei to take place in January 2011 may provoke instability which could result in further displacements of populations, thus triggering additional humanitarian needs in the coming months.
- (5) Due to the size of the affected regions and logistical difficulties in aid delivery, timely prepositioning of food, non-food items, seeds and tools, medical kits and nutritional supplies is essential to avert the possibility of a new humanitarian crisis.
- (6) It is therefore appropriate to increase the total amount of Decision C(2010)680 by an additional EUR 17,000,000, of which EUR 7,000,000 from budget article 23 02 01 and EUR 10,000,000 from budget article 23 02 02, in order to provide additional support to key humanitarian pipelines in Sudan to address the immediate needs for

¹ OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 1-6

food aid and to prepare for a timely response to potential humanitarian needs triggered by instability before and after the referenda.

- (7) In accordance with Articles 17 (2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No.1257/96, the Humanitarian Aid Committee gave favourable opinions on 08 September 2010.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Decision C(2010)680 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 2010 Global Plan for the financing of humanitarian actions in Sudan for a total amount of EUR 131,000,000 (EUR 75,000,000 from budget article 23 02 01 and EUR 56,000,000 from budget article 23 02 02) of the 2010 general budget of the European Union."

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

"2. In accordance with Articles 2 and in particular 2(c), and 4 of Council Regulation No.1257/96, the principal objective of this Decision is to save and protect lives and reduce the suffering of the most vulnerable populations in Sudan. The humanitarian Actions shall be implemented in the pursuance of the following specific objectives:

- To reduce mortality and morbidity among highly vulnerable populations through the provision of integrated assistance including relief items and access to basic services and protection.

A total of EUR 52,000,000 under budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this specific objective.

- To safeguard the availability of, and access to food for vulnerable populations affected by the humanitarian crisis in Sudan, and to stabilise or improve their nutritional status by delivering appropriate and adequate food aid / food assistance and by providing short-term food-security and emergency livelihood support.

A total of EUR 56,000,000 under budget article 23 02 02 is allocated to this specific objective.

- To strengthen the preparedness and response to humanitarian crises

A total of EUR 6,000,000 under budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this specific objective.

- To improve the conditions for safe and principled access and delivery of humanitarian assistance notably through support to coordination and advocacy mechanisms, security information and advice, and transport services

A total of EUR 12,000,000 under budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this specific objective.

A total of EUR 5,000,000 under budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to the contingency reserve."

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

Member of the Commission

Decision amending Humanitarian Aid Decision C(2010)680

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Title: Commission Decision amending Commission Decision C(2010)680 of 8 February 2010 on the approval and financing of a Global Plan for humanitarian actions in Sudan from the general budget of the European Union.

Location of operation: Sudan

Amount of Decision: EUR 131,000,000

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1- Explanatory Memorandum

Rationale for the modification

The humanitarian situation in Sudan continues to present major concerns. Since the beginning of 2010 the population in many areas across Sudan has been subject to displacements triggered by various conflicts or insecurity. Access to basic services, especially in remote locations, remains inadequate. The 2009 dry spell still impacts negatively on food security particularly in the most drought-prone areas of Sudan where cumulative drought spells over the past years have undermined livelihoods and increased vulnerability. Already aggravated by continued displacements, drought and high food prices, the food security of the population in Darfur and Southern Sudan has further deteriorated recently with the onset of the hunger gap. Meanwhile, the World Food Programme (WFP), anticipating a substantial funding shortage in the food aid pipeline for Sudan in the second half of 2010, has appealed to donors for additional support to be able to procure, preposition and deliver food assistance to about 6 million people in Darfur, the South and the Transitional Areas.

At the same time there are risks of instability in Sudan related to the ongoing implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and in particular to the referenda on the self determination for the South and Abyei, scheduled to take place in January 2011. The humanitarian community is preparing for the possibility of violence triggering displacement population, particularly in Southern Sudan and the Transitional Areas. This would lead to new substantial humanitarian needs.

The operating environment in South Sudan and the Transitional Areas is extremely challenging because of remoteness, access constraints, limited or non-existent infrastructures, which makes a rapid response in the immediate aftermath of the humanitarian crisis extremely difficult. Without timely prepositioning of humanitarian commodities and mobilisation of human and financial resources it would be impossible to ensure an adequate response to the additional humanitarian needs that are likely to be triggered before and after the referenda.

Taking the above into account it is proposed to reinforce the food aid pipeline managed by WFP in Sudan, as well as the key humanitarian pipelines in the South and in the Transitional

Areas. Those pipelines, managed by United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and World Health Organisation (WHO), are for non-food items and nutritional supplies, seeds and tools, as well as medical kits. The additional resources will help avoid imminent breaks in the food aid pipeline, and thus allow a continuation of essential relief through the critical hunger season up until the end of the year. They will also allow timely procurement, transportation and prepositioning of food and non-food relief items to the key operational hubs, in readiness for any new upheavals, conflict and internal displacement, to avert any further deterioration in the humanitarian situation.

2. - Proposed amendment

It is proposed to mobilise an additional EUR 7,000,000 from budget article 23 02 01 and an additional EUR 10,000,000 from budget article 23 02 02 of the 2010 general budget of the European Union. The total amount of the Decision would therefore increased by EUR 17,000,000, from EUR 114,000,000 to EUR 131,000,000.