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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 13 thereof;

Whereas:

- (1) Since early January this year, incessant rains in the Southern Africa region have affected thousands of people and caused damage and destruction to houses, schools, health centers, infrastructure and crops. Mozambique is the most affected country with close to 200,000 people affected and over 169,000 displaced, the majority of them woman and children. More rains are expected and most rivers remain above red alert levels.
- (2) An extraordinary meeting of the Mozambican Coordination Council of Disaster Management (CCGC), held on 22 January 2013, resulted in the declaration of a red alert and the full activation of the National Emergency Operations Centre (CENOE) and National Civil Protection Unit (UNAPROC), supported by the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), which signalled the affected communities' need for humanitarian assistance.
- (3) Some towns have been completely evacuated, such as Chokwe town in the Limpopo Basin. Due to the severity of the Limpopo flooding, humanitarian operators are running very low on stocks of essential supplies, and capacities are stretched. The international community in the country, under the lead of the HCT has launched the Response and Recovery Proposal seeking contributions from donors (USD 30.5 million) to support the government's effort for a period of six months.
- (4) Although the government of Mozambique has not launched an international appeal, it should be noted that the Director General of the Government of Mozambique's National Institute for Disaster Management (INGC) has officially requested assistance through the office of the UN Resident Coordinator, further underlining the urgency of humanitarian situation in the affected areas.

¹ OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 1

- (5) To reach populations in need, humanitarian aid should be channelled through non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) and international organisations, including United Nations (UN) agencies. Therefore, the European Commission should implement the budget by direct management or by joint management.
- (6) Humanitarian aid actions financed by this Decision should be of a maximum duration of 6 months.
- (7) It is estimated that an amount of EUR 3,000,000, from budget article 23 02 01 of the general budget of the European Union, is necessary to provide humanitarian assistance to over 200,000 flood affected people in Mozambique, taking into account the available budget, other donors' contributions and other factors. The activities covered by this Decision may be financed in full in accordance with Article 277 of the 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 ('the Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation'²), may agree to the full financing of actions.
- (8) This Decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of 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 ('the Financial Regulation') and Article 94 of the the 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 ('the Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation').
- (9) Pursuant to Article 13 of Council Regulation (EC) N° 1257/96, the opinion of the Humanitarian Aid Committee is not required,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. In accordance with the objectives and general principles of humanitarian aid, the Commission hereby approves a maximum amount of EUR 3,000,000 for the financing of emergency humanitarian actions in Mozambique from budget article 23 02 01 of the 2013 general budget of the European Union.
2. In accordance with Article 2(a) of Council Regulation No.1257/96, the principal objective of this Decision is to save and preserve lives of vulnerable people affected by floods in Mozambique. The humanitarian actions shall be implemented in the pursuance of the following specific objective: to improve the humanitarian situation of vulnerable people affected by floods through the provision of integrated relief and early recovery assistance.

² OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

The full amount of this Decision is allocated to this specific objective.

Article 2

1. The period for the implementation of the actions financed under this Decision shall start on 22 January 2013. Expenditure under this Decision shall be eligible from the same date. The duration of individual humanitarian aid actions financed under this Decision shall be limited to a maximum of six months.
2. If the implementation of individual actions is suspended owing to force majeure or other exceptional circumstances, the period of suspension shall not be taken into account in the implementing period of the Decision in respect of the action suspended.
3. In accordance with the contractual provisions ruling the Agreements financed under this Decision, the Commission may consider eligible those costs arising and incurred after the end of the implementing period of the action which are necessary for its winding-up.

Article 3

1. In accordance with Article 277 of the Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation and having regard to the urgency of the action, the availability of other donors and other relevant operational circumstances, funds under this Decision may finance humanitarian actions in full.
2. Actions supported by this Decision will be implemented either by non-profit-making organisations which fulfil the eligibility and suitability criteria established in Article 7 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96 or international organisations.
3. The Commission shall implement the budget:
 - * either by direct management, with non-governmental organisations
 - * or by joint management with international organisations that are signatories to the Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA) or the Financial Administrative Framework Agreement with the UN (FAFA) and which were subject to the four pillar assessment in line with Article 53d of Council Regulation n° 1605/2002 which continues to apply to all commitments made up to 31 December 2013.

Article 4

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 8.3.2013

*For the Commission
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