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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>("the Humanitarian Aid Regulation"), and in particular Article 2, notably 2 (c), Article 4 and Article 15(2) and (3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community ("Overseas Association Decision")<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Articles 21 and 30 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision C(2012)9883 adopted on 4 January 2013 provides for the financing of humanitarian aid operational priorities from the 2013 general budget of the European Union for a total amount of EUR 661,419,000 from budget articles 23 02 01, 23 02 02 and 23 02 03. The implementation period of this Decision runs from 1 January 2013 until 31 December 2014.
- (2) The Commission is committed to providing a humanitarian response in those areas where there are the greatest humanitarian needs. Accordingly, the humanitarian response may be subject to reorientation or scaling-up in the course of the implementation of actions when required by changing circumstances in the field which might affect existing humanitarian needs or generate new needs.
- (3) The global humanitarian context has been characterised by an increase in humanitarian needs for collective violence in Central America/Mexico, man made crises in locations such as Central African Republic, Mali, Syria, and natural disasters in locations such as Philippines, the Sahel and Chad. Budgetary allocations per specific objectives should be revised accordingly without prejudice to the flexibility for non-substantial changes to be adopted by the delegated authorising officer.
- (4) It is therefore appropriate to increase the overall amount of Decision C(2012)9883 to adapt the humanitarian response to the evolving humanitarian aid operational priorities

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 314 , 30.11.2001, p.1 amended by Appendix 2 to Annex III, OJ L 324, 7.12.2001, p.1.

by EUR 165,218,746, of which EUR 136,100,000 from budget article 23 02 01, EUR 28,900,000 from budget article 23 02 02 and EUR 218,746 from budget article 23 02 03, to distribute this additional funding to the specific objectives fixed in that Decision, and to amend it accordingly. As the adoption of this Decision may precede the actual transfer of EUR 115,000,000 from the Emergency Aid Reserve to budget articles 23 02 01 and 23 02 02 of the 2013 general budget of the European Union, the implementation of Decision C(2012)9883 as amended should be subject to the availability of the said appropriations.

- (5) 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')<sup>3</sup> and Article 94 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'<sup>4</sup>).
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Humanitarian Aid Committee established by Article 17(1) of the Humanitarian Aid Regulation,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Decision C(2012)9883 is amended as follows:

1. In Article 1, paragraphs (1) and 2) are replaced by the following:
  - "1. In accordance with the objectives and general principles of humanitarian aid, the Commission hereby approves a maximum amount of EUR 826,637,746, of which EUR 552,600,000 from budget article 23 02 01, EUR 237,900,000 from budget article 23 02 02 and 36,137,746 from budget article 23 02 03, of the 2013 general budget of the European Union.
  2. In accordance with Article 2, notably 2(c), and Article 4 of the Humanitarian Aid Regulation, the humanitarian actions shall be implemented in the pursuance of the following specific objectives:
    - (a) Specific objective 1: To provide humanitarian and food assistance, relief and protection to vulnerable people affected by man-made crises, possibly aggravated by natural disasters, including new crises and existing crises where the scale and complexity of the humanitarian crisis is such that it seems likely to continue.

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<sup>3</sup> OJ L 298/1, 26.10.2012

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

A total of EUR 470,800,000 from budget article 23 02 01 and EUR 101,400,000 from budget article 23 02 02 is allocated to this specific objective.

(b) Specific objective 2: To provide humanitarian and food assistance, relief and protection to vulnerable people affected by natural disasters that have entailed major loss of life, physical and psychological or social suffering or material damage.

A total of EUR 42,000,000 from budget article 23 02 01 and EUR 131,300,000 from budget article 23 02 02 is allocated to this specific objective.

(c) Specific objective 3: To provide humanitarian assistance for response and disaster preparedness to populations affected by disasters where a small scale response is adequate and to populations affected by epidemic outbreaks.

A total of EUR 9,000,000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this specific objective.

(d) Specific objective 4: To support strategies and complement existing strategies that enable local communities and institutions to better prepare for, mitigate and respond adequately to natural disasters by enhancing their capacities to cope and respond, thereby increasing resilience and reducing vulnerability in the Caribbean, the Pacific, South America and South Asia.

A total of EUR 36,137,746 from budget article 23 02 03 is allocated to this specific objective.

(e) Specific objective 5: To improve the delivery of aid through transport and complementary activities aiming at increasing the effectiveness, efficiency, quality, timeliness and visibility of humanitarian actions.

A total of EUR 30,800,000 from budget article 23 02 01 and EUR 5,200,000 from budget article 23 02 02 is allocated to this specific objective.

This specific objective shall be met through achieving the following sub-specific objectives:

(i) Sub-specific objective 5.1: To strengthen the global humanitarian preparedness and response capacity of humanitarian partners by increasing the effectiveness and reinforcing the capacity of international humanitarian organisations and non-governmental organisations to assess, analyse, prepare and respond to humanitarian crises.

A total of EUR 15,800,000 from budget article 23 02 01 and EUR 5,200,000 from budget article 23 02 02 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

(ii) Sub-specific objective 5.2: To improve the conditions for delivering humanitarian aid by supporting transport services to ensure that aid is accessible to beneficiaries.

A total of EUR 10,000,000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

(iii) Sub-specific objective 5.3: To increase awareness, understanding and support on the part of EU citizens for humanitarian aid issues and the role which the European Union plays in the field, by organising high impact communication actions designed to enhance awareness, knowledge, understanding and support for humanitarian issues and to highlight the partnership between the Commission and its partners in delivering relief assistance to people affected by humanitarian crises.

A total of EUR 2,000,000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

(iv) Sub-specific objective 5.4: To provide high quality European education and professional qualifications on humanitarian action that impact on humanitarian aid policy and practice.

A total of EUR 700,000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

(v) Sub-specific objective 5.5: To increase the coherence, quality and effectiveness of humanitarian aid, by the provision of expertise to assist policy development in support to humanitarian aid actions and by reinforcing networking between humanitarian non-governmental organisations.

A total of EUR 2,300,000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

Annex 1 to this Decision reflects the above-mentioned allocations.

Annex 2 to this Decision gives an indication of the contemplated allocation by countries/regions."

2. A fifth paragraph is inserted in Article 1 as follows:

"5. The implementation of paragraphs 1 to 4 is subject to the availability of the relevant appropriations."

Done at Brussels, 11.6.2013

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*

**Annex 1**  
**allocations by specific objective**

	Specific Objective 1 Man-made crises		Specific Objective 2 Natural Disaster		Specific Objective 3 Small scale / Epidemics	Specific Objective 4 DIPECHO	Specific Objective 5 Transport and Complementary activities		TOTAL			
	23 02 01 Humanita- rian Aid  (in EUR)	23 02 02 Food Aid  (in EUR)	23 02 01 Humanita- rian Aid  (in EUR)	23 02 02 Food Aid  (in EUR)	23 02 01 Humanita- rian Aid  (in EUR)	23 02 03  Disaster Preparedness  (in EUR)	23 02 01 Humanita- rian Aid  (in EUR)	23 02 02 Food Aid  (in EUR)	23 02 01 Humanita- rian Aid  (in EUR)	23 02 02 Food Aid  (in EUR)	23 02 03  Disaster Preparedness  (in EUR)	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>470,800,000</b>	<b>101,400,000</b>	<b>42,000,000</b>	<b>131,300,000</b>	<b>9,000,000</b>	<b>36,137,746</b>	<b>30,800,000</b>	<b>5,200,000</b>	<b>552,600,000</b>	<b>237,900,000</b>	<b>36,137,746</b>	<b>826,637,746</b>
<b>TOTAL BY OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>572,200,000</b>		<b>173,300,000</b>		<b>9,000,000</b>		<b>36,000,000</b>		<b>826,637,746</b>			

**Annex 2**  
**indicative allocations by country/region**

Country/Region	Allocations for 2013 (in Euro) - including increase of EUR 115,000,000			
	23.0201 Humanitarian aid	23.0202 Food aid	23.0203 Disaster Preparedness	TOTAL
<b>CENTRAL AFRICA, SUDAN &amp; CHAD</b>	<b>134.700.000</b>	<b>52.300.000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>187.000.000</b>
Sudan & South Sudan	48.000.000	32.000.000	0	80.000.000
Chad (East and south)	11.000.000	0	0	11.000.000
Chad (Sahel)	8.000.000	12.000.000	0	20.000.000
Central African Republic	11.000.000	1.000.000	0	12.000.000
Democratic Republic of Congo	46.700.000	7.300.000	0	54.000.000
Echo-Flight	10.000.000	0	0	10.000.000
<b>EAST, WEST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, INDEAN OCEAN</b>	<b>109.700.000</b>	<b>123.800.000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>233.500.000</b>
Djibouti	500.000	1.500.000	0	2.000.000
Ethiopia	11.000.000	13.000.000	0	24.000.000
Kenya	10.500.000	10.000.000	0	20.500.000
Somalia	26.700.000	13.300.000	0	40.000.000
Zimbabwe	1.000.000	2.000.000	0	3.000.000
Sahel - Regional - (Burkina Faso, Chad, Niger, Nigeria, Mali, Mauritania and Sahel regions of neighbouring countries)	12.000.000	68.000.000	0	80.000.000
West Africa (Mali crisis)	44.000.000	10.000.000	0	54.000.000
West Africa (Ivorian crisis)	4.000.000	6.000.000	0	10.000.000
<b>MEDITERRANEAN &amp; MIDDLE EAST</b>	<b>174.000.000</b>	<b>11.000.000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>185.000.000</b>
Occupied Palestinian Territory	24.000.000	11.000.000	0	35.000.000

Syrian Crisis	100.000.000	0	0	100.000.000
Iraq Crisis	7.000.000	0	0	7.000.000
Yemen	33.000.000	0	0	33.000.000
Algeria / Tindouf	10.000.000	0	0	10.000.000
<b>CENTRAL ASIA &amp; SOUTH WEST ASIA</b>	<b>51.400.000</b>	<b>20.600.000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>72.000.000</b>
Afghanistan	30.000.000	0	0	30.000.000
Pakistan	21.400.000	20.600.000	0	42.000.000
<b>SOUTH ASIA, SOUTH EAST ASIA &amp; PACIFIC</b>	<b>25.000.000</b>	<b>19.000.000</b>	<b>15.618.746</b>	<b>59.618.746</b>
Bangladesh	2.000.000	9.000.000	0	11.000.000
Burma/Myanmar (Thailand)	12.000.000	7.000.000	0	19.000.000
India	4.000.000	2.000.000	0	6.000.000
Nepal	0	1.000.000	0	1.000.000
South Asia	0	0	12.600.000	12.600.000
Pacific	0	0	3.018.746	3.018.746
Philippines	7.000.000	0	0	7.000.000
<b>LATIN AMERICA &amp; CARIBBEAN</b>	<b>28.000.000</b>	<b>6.000.000</b>	<b>20.519.000</b>	<b>54.519.000</b>
Central & South America	0	0	12.019.000	12.019.000
Colombia	11.000.000	2.000.000	0	13.000.000
Regional - LAC (Drought Initiative)	0	4.000.000	0	4.000.000
Haiti	15.000.000	0	0	15.000.000
Caribbean	0	0	8.500.000	8.500.000
Regional Central America/Mexico	2.000.000	0	0	2.000.000
<b>WORLDWIDE</b>	<b>9.000.000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9.000.000</b>
<b>COMPLEMENTARY OPERATIONS</b>	<b>20.800.000</b>	<b>5.200.000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26.000.000</b>
Enhanced Response Capacity	15.800.000	5.200.000	0	21.000.000
Policy Support	2.300.000	0	0	2.300.000



Information and Communication	2.000.000	0	0	2.000.000
NOHA	700.000	0	0	700.000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>552.600.000</b>	<b>237.900.000</b>	<b>36.137.746</b>	<b>826.637.746</b>