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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), Article 4 and Article 13 thereof,

Having regard to 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 1605/2002², and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision C(2014)6005³, as amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2014)7211⁴, provides for the funding of humanitarian actions for Ukrainian crisis-affected population from the general budget of the European Union for a total amount of EUR 7 500 000 from budget article 23 02 01, starting from 15 July 2014, with a duration of 6 months.
- (2) The escalating crisis in Ukraine has resulted in increased vulnerability and emergency needs among the affected population, increased displacements and the raising of security and safety concerns.
- (3) As of 10 October, the number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and refugees has been dramatically increasing: in two weeks the number of IDPs has increased by 106 878 people, for a total of 402 034 IDPs, 18 289 of whom are from Crimea. Meanwhile the number of people who have fled eastern Ukraine to seek refuge in neighbouring countries has also increased reaching a total of 427 004 people. The estimated number of people living in the areas directly affected by the conflict is 5.1 million.

¹ OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 1.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ Commission Implementing Decision of 14.8.2014 financing emergency humanitarian actions for Ukrainian crisis-affected population from the general budget of the European Union.

⁴ Commission Implementing Decision of 2.10.2014 amending Commission Implementing Decision C(2014)6005 financing emergency humanitarian actions supporting Ukrainian crisis-affected population from the general budget of the European Union.

- (4) According to the government of Ukraine, 11 325 public and private utility facilities were destroyed in Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts; health services as well as water, electricity and gas supplies are seriously damaged, unstable or missing. Problems of food availability are reported. Therefore, preparing vulnerable populations for the approaching winter and other basic humanitarian assistance are key priority actions to meet the needs of a population (including IDPs and returnees) affected by imminent crisis.
- (5) Considering the deterioration of the humanitarian situation and the increase of emergency needs, and taking into account the significant increase of IDPs, it is imperative ahead of the upcoming winter months to increase the amount approved by Implementing Decision C(2014)6005 by EUR 3 300 000 from budget article 23 02 01 to provide emergency humanitarian aid to people affected by the violence in Ukraine.
- (6) This Decision complies with the conditions laid down in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁵.
- (7) The measure provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Humanitarian Aid Committee established by Article 17(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1257/96.
- (8) Implementing Decision C(2004)6005 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Implementing Decision C(2014)6005 is amended as follows:

In Article 1, paragraph 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 10 800 000 for the financing of humanitarian actions in Ukraine from budget article 23 02 01 of the 2014 general budget of the European Union."

Done at Brussels, 28.10.2014

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁵ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p.1.