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

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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 provides for the funding of humanitarian actions in Ukraine from the general budget of the European Union for a total amount of EUR 2 500 000 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.
- (3) As of 26 September the number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and refugees has been growing on a daily basis and doubled since early August reaching 295 156 IDPs, 17 794 of whom are from Crimea. Meanwhile 341 000 people have fled eastern Ukraine to seek refuge in neighbouring countries. The estimated number of people living in the areas directly affected by the conflict is 5.1 million.
- (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. Therefore, preparing vulnerable populations for the winter and other basic humanitarian assistance are key priority

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.

actions to meet the needs of a population (including IDPs and returnees) affected by imminent crisis.

- (5) Considering the deterioration of the humanitarian situation already visible 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 5 000 000 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 1268/2012⁴.
- (7) Pursuant to Article 13 of Council Regulation No 1257/96, the opinion of the Humanitarian Aid Committee is not required.
- (8) Implementing Decision C(2014)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 7 500 000 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, 2.10.2014

For the Commission
Cecilia MALMSTRÖM
Member of the Commission

⁴ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p.1).



**Decision amending Humanitarian Aid Decision C(2014)6005
ECHO/UKR/BUD/2014/01000**

Title: Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision C(2014)6005 financing emergency humanitarian actions for Ukrainian crisis-affected population from the general budget of the European Union

Location of Action: Ukraine

Amount of Decision : EUR 7 500 000

Decision reference number: ECHO/UKR/BUD/2014/01000

1. Explanatory memorandum

The escalating crisis in Ukraine has resulted in increased vulnerability and emergency needs among the affected population. The number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and refugees has been growing on a daily basis and doubled since early August reaching 295 156 IDPs, from which 17 794 IDPs are from Crimea while 341 000 people have fled eastern Ukraine to seek refuge in neighboring countries. The estimated number of people living in the areas directly affected by the conflict is now 5.1 million, based on data of 26 September. According to the government of Ukraine 11 325 facilities are destroyed (both public and private) in Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts; health services as well as water, electricity and gas supplies are seriously damaged. Preparing vulnerable populations for the winter and other basic humanitarian assistance are key priority actions to meet imminent crisis affected population (including IDPs and returnees). Considering the increasing level of violence and resulting urgent needs, and taking into account the considerably increase number of IDPs and the factor of the coming winter, it is therefore appropriate to increase the amount of Decision C(2014)6005 of 18/8/2004 by EUR 5 000 000 from budget article 23 02 01 to provide emergency humanitarian aid to people affected by the violence in Ukraine, wherever they are.

2. Proposed Amendment

It is proposed to increase the amount of the decision by EUR 5 000 000 from budget article 23 02 01 bringing the total amount of the decision to EUR 7 500 000.