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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 2013/755/EU of 25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union ("Overseas Association Decision")<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 79 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 1605/2002 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation')<sup>3</sup>, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision C(2013)9533 adopted on 3 January 2014 provides for the financing of humanitarian aid operational priorities from the 2014 general budget of the European Union for a total amount of EUR 758 276 000 from budget articles 23 02 01 and 23 02 02. The implementation period of this Decision runs from 1 January 2014 until 31 December 2015.
- (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 in locations such as Afghanistan, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Horn of Africa, Iraq, Ivorian Crisis, Mali, Pakistan,

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 344/1, 19.12.2013, p.1.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L298/1, 26.10.2012.

Palestine, Syria, as well as related to epidemics, in particular the Ebola epidemic crisis, and the EU Children of Peace initiative. Budgetary allocations within the specific objective 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(2013)9533 to adapt the humanitarian response to the evolving humanitarian aid operational priorities by EUR 140 412 500 from budget article 23 02 01, to distribute this additional funding to the specific objectives fixed in that Decision, and to amend it accordingly. The Commission may acknowledge and accept contribution from other donors pursuant to Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation, subject to the signature of the relevant agreement, and should decide on the use of such contribution.
- (5) In view of the specific nature of humanitarian aid, it is also necessary to provide that expenditure incurred before the date of submission of a proposal for funding may be eligible for Union funding.
- (6) Considering the increasingly complex nature of the environments in which humanitarian aid actions are implemented, it may be necessary, where appropriate, that for the purposes of Article 1(2) points (a) to (d) and (e)(v), actions supported by this Decision are implemented directly by the Commission.
- (7) This Decision complies with the conditions laid down in Article 94 of 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 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules of Application')<sup>4</sup>.
- (8) 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(2013)9533 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 898 688 500, of which EUR 861 941 500 from budget article 23 02 01 and EUR 36 747 000 from budget article 23 02 02, of the 2014 general budget of the European Union.
2. In accordance with Article 2, notably 2(c), and Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96, the humanitarian actions shall be implemented in the pursuance of the following specific objectives:

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

(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.

A total of EUR 650 544 000 from budget article 23 02 01 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 154 485 000 from budget article 23 02 01 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 16 000 000 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 southern Africa and Indian Ocean, Central Asia and Caucasus, South East Asia, Central and South America.

A total of EUR 36 747 000 from budget article 23 02 02 is allocated to this specific objective.

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

A total of EUR 40 912 500 from budget article 23 02 01 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 21 500 000 from budget article 23 02 01 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 Union 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 support children affected by conflict, specifically through education in emergencies and crisis situations.

A total of EUR 6 712 500 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective. "

2. Annexes 1 and 2 are replaced by the Annexes to this Decision.

Annex 1 reflects the above-mentioned allocations.

Annex 2 gives an indication of the contemplated allocation by countries/regions.

3. In Article 2, paragraph (2) is replaced by the following:

"2. Pursuant to Article 130 of the Financial Regulation, and in view of the specific nature of humanitarian aid, expenditure incurred before the date of submission of a proposal may be eligible for Union funding."

4. In Article 3, paragraph (2) is replaced by the following:

"2. Actions supported by this Decision shall 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, by international organisations, by Member States' specialised agencies or directly by the Commission, for the purposes of Article 1(2) points (a) to (d) and (e)(v).

\* either by non-profit-making organisations which fulfil the eligibility and suitability criteria established in Article 7 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96, by

international organisations, by key research institutes and European universities which are members of the NOHA network, by European research institutes, universities, academic and policy institutions active in the area of humanitarian aid, by VOICE, or directly by the Commission, for the purposes of Article 1(2) points (e)(i) to (iv) and (e)(vi)."

Done at Brussels, 22.10.2014

*For the Commission*  
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**ANNEX I**  
**allocations by specific objective in Euro**

Country/Region	Specific Objective 1	Specific Objective 2	Specific Objective 3	Specific Objective 4	Specific Objective 5	TOTAL		
	Man-made crises	Natural Disaster	Small scale / Epidemics	DIPECHO	Complementary and thematic activities and transport			
	23 02 01 Humanitarian Aid and Food Assistance  (in EUR)	23 02 01 Humanitarian Aid and Food Assistance  (in EUR)	23 02 01 Humanitarian Aid and Food Assistance  (in EUR)	23 02 02 Disaster Preparedness  (in EUR)	23 02 01 Humanitarian Aid and Food Assistance  (in EUR)	23 02 01 Humanitarian Aid and Food Assistance  (in EUR)	23 02 02 Disaster Preparedness  (in EUR)	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>650 544 000</b>	<b>154 485 000</b>	<b>16 000 000</b>	<b>36 747 000</b>	<b>40 912 500</b>	<b>861 941 500</b>	<b>36 747 000</b>	<b>898 688 500</b>

**ANNEX II**  
**indicative allocations by country/region**

Country/Region	Allocations for 2014 (in Euro)		
	23.0201 Humanitarian aid and food assistance	23.0202 Disaster Preparedness	TOTAL
<b>CENTRAL AFRICA, SUDAN &amp; SOUTH SUDAN, CHAD, GREAT LAKES</b>	<b>220 000 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>220 000 000</b>
Sudan & South Sudan	100 000 000	0	100 000 000
Chad (East and south)	31 500 000	0	31 500 000
Central African Republic	24 500 000	0	24 500 000
Cameroon	3 000 000	0	3 000 000
Democratic Republic of Congo	51 000 000	0	51 000 000
Echo-Flight	10 000 000	0	10 000 000
<b>EAST, WEST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, INDIAN OCEAN</b>	<b>206 700 000</b>	<b>7 000 000</b>	<b>213 700 000</b>
Djibouti	1 000 000	0	1 000 000
Ethiopia	26 000 000	0	26 000 000
Kenya	18 000 000	0	18 000 000
Somalia	49 000 000	0	49 000 000
Southern Africa and Indian Ocean	0	7 000 000	7 000 000
Sahel - Regional (Burkina Faso, Chad, Niger, Nigeria, Mali, Mauritania and Sahel regions of neighbouring countries)	57 000 000	0	57 000 000
Mali	33 000 000	0	33 000 000
Ivory Coast	2 000 000	0	2 000 000
West Africa – Ivorian crisis - EAR	13 200 000		13 200 000
Nigeria	7 500 000	0	7 500 000
<b>MEDITERRANEAN &amp; MIDDLE EAST</b>	<b>241 500 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>241 500 000</b>

Country/Region	Allocations for 2014 (in Euro)		
	23.0201 Humanitarian aid and food assistance	23.0202 Disaster Preparedness	TOTAL
Syrian crisis	150 000 000	0	150 000 000
Palestine	31 500 000	0	31 500 000
Iraq Crisis	17 000 000	0	17 000 000
Yemen	33 000 000	0	33 000 000
Algeria / Tindouf	10 000 000	0	10 000 000
<b>CENTRAL ASIA &amp; SOUTH WEST ASIA</b>	<b>76 500 000</b>	<b>8 000 000</b>	<b>84 500 000</b>
Afghanistan	31 500 000	0	31 500 000
Pakistan	45 000 000	0	45 000 000
Central Asia and Caucasus	0	8 000 000	8 000 000
<b>SOUTH ASIA, SOUTH EAST ASIA &amp; PACIFIC</b>	<b>38 800 000</b>	<b>11 000 000</b>	<b>49 800 000</b>
Bangladesh	12 500 000	0	12 500 000
Burma/Myanmar (Thailand)	18 000 000	0	18 000 000
India	6 000 000	0	6 000 000
Nepal	800 000	0	800 000
Papua New Guinea	1 500 000	0	1 500 000
South East Asia	0	11 000 000	11 000 000
<b>LATIN AMERICA &amp; CARIBBEAN</b>	<b>31 529 000</b>	<b>10 747 000</b>	<b>42 276 000</b>
Central & South America	0	10 747 000	10 747 000
Colombia	13 029 000	0	13 029 000
Haiti	18 500 000	0	18 500 000
<b>WORLDWIDE</b>	<b>16 000 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16 000 000</b>
<b>COMPLEMENTARY OPERATIONS</b>	<b>30 912 500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30 912 500</b>

Country/Region	Allocations for 2014 (in Euro)		
	23.0201 Humanitarian aid and food assistance	23.0202 Disaster Preparedness	TOTAL
Enhanced Response Capacity	21 500 000	0	21 500 000
EU Children of peace	6 000 000	0	6 000 000
EU Children of peace - EAR	712 500		712 500
Information and Communication	2 000 000	0	2 000 000
NOHA	700 000	0	700 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>861 941 500</b>	<b>36 747 000</b>	<b>898 688 500</b>