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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>, and in particular Article 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<sup>3</sup>, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 10012 of 5 January 2015 provides for the financing of humanitarian aid operational priorities from the 2015 general budget of the European Union for a total amount of EUR 699 381 000 from budget articles 23 02 01 and 23 02 02.
- (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 Cameroon, Horn of Africa, Sudan and South Sudan, Ukraine, as well as related to ECHO Flight, the Ebola epidemic crisis and the EU Children of Peace Initiative. Budgetary allocations within the specific objectives should be revised accordingly, without prejudice to the flexibility for non-substantial changes to be adopted by the authorising officer by delegation.

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

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

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

- (4) It is therefore appropriate to increase the overall amount of Decision C(2014) 10012 to adapt the humanitarian response to the evolving humanitarian aid operational priorities by EUR 138 127 301 from budget article 23 02 01, 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 55 000 000 from the Emergency Aid Reserve to budget article 23 02 01 of the 2015 general budget of the European Union, the implementation of Decision C(2014) 10012 as amended should be subject to the availability of the said appropriations
- (5) 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<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 Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Decision C(2014) 10012 is amended as follows:

1. In Article 1, paragraphs (1) and (2) are replaced by the following:
  - "1. A maximum amount of EUR 837 508 301, of which EUR 800 212 301 from budget article 23 02 01 and EUR 37 296 000 from budget article 23 02 02, of the 2015 general budget of the European Union, is approved.
2. The humanitarian actions shall be implemented in order to:
  - (a) Specific objective 1: 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 573 575 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this specific objective.
  - (b) Specific objective 2: 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 174 317 301 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this specific objective.

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

- (c) Specific objective 3: 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: 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 South Asia, Pacific, the Caribbean and South America.

A total of EUR 37 296 000 from budget article 23 02 02 is allocated to this specific objective.

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

A total of EUR 43 320 000 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: 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 15 000 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

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

A total of EUR 12 170 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

- (iii) Sub-specific objective 5.3: 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. Communication actions in 2015 will also contribute, where appropriate, to the corporate communication of the Commission, and in particular to the corporate theme dealing with the EU's role in the world

(currently "EU as a global player"). The European Year for Development will be a main action within this theme for 2015.

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: 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: support children affected by conflict, specifically through education in emergencies and crisis situations.

A total of EUR 11 000 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

- (vi) Sub-specific objective 5.6: 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 2 450 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

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

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

2. In Article 1 a new paragraph is inserted as follows:  
"5. The implementation of paragraphs 1 to 4 is subject to the availability of the relevant appropriations."
3. Annexes 1 and 2 are replaced by the Annexes 1 and 2 to the present Decision.

Done at Brussels, 15.6.2015

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