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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, 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<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 Decision C(2015) 8936 adopted on 15 December 2015 provides for the financing of humanitarian aid operational priorities from the 2016 general budget of the European Union for a total amount of EUR 930 997 848 from budget articles 23 02 01 and 23 02 02. This amount was raised to EUR 1 641 762 848 by Decision C(2016) 3040 of 24 May 2016, amending Decision C(2015) 8936.
- (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 Sudan and South Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania, Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria, Lybia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Sri Lanka/Bangladesh, Vietnam, Yemen, and Iraq. By 26 October 2016, the allocations for these crises have been increased by

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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.

the Authorising Officer responsible, pursuant to Article 1(3) of Decision C(2015) 8936, by an amount of EUR 212 561 517.84.

- (4) As most of the crises in respect of which the Union finances humanitarian aid operations continue unabated and can even be expected in many cases to lead to a further increase in humanitarian needs, the Commission should authorise the use of appropriations under this Decision beyond the amount referred to in Recital 3. Increased humanitarian needs have already been identified in respect of the crises affecting Yemen, Uganda, Sudan and South Sudan, for which it is currently estimated that an additional allocation of EUR 60 000 000 would be needed.
- (5) Budgetary allocations within the specific objectives should be revised in light of the evolving circumstances and the related humanitarian needs, without prejudice to the flexibility for non-substantial changes to be adopted by the Authorising Officer by delegation.
- (6) It is therefore appropriate to amend Decision C(2015) 8936, as amended, to reflect the increase by EUR 212 561 517.84 already made on the basis of the flexibility clause and to add an additional amount of EUR 60 000 000 from budget article 23 02 01 in order to adapt the humanitarian response to the evolving humanitarian aid operational priorities and to distribute this additional funding to the specific objectives fixed in that Decision.
- (7) This Decision complies with the conditions laid down in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012<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 Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Sole Article*

Decision C(2015) 8936 is amended as follows:

1. In Article 1, paragraphs (1) and (2) are replaced by the following:
  - "1. A maximum amount of EUR 1 914 324 365.84, of which EUR 1 876 424 365.84 from budget article 23 02 01 and EUR 37 900 000 from budget article 23 02 02, of the 2016 general budget of the European Union, is approved.
2. The humanitarian actions shall be implemented in order to:
  - (a) Provide humanitarian and food assistance, relief and protection to vulnerable people affected by man-made crises, possibly aggravated by natural disasters,

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<sup>4</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU) 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).

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 1 661 045 049.84 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this specific objective.

(b) 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 145 444 316 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this specific objective.

(c) 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 10 150 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this specific objective.

(d) 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.

A total of EUR 37 900 000 from budget article 23 02 02 is allocated to this specific objective.

(e) 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 59 785 000 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) 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 25 000 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

(ii) Improve the conditions for delivering humanitarian aid by supporting transport services to ensure that aid is accessible to beneficiaries.

A total of EUR 13 935 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

(iii) 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 2016 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 actor").

A total of EUR 4 000 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

(iv) 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) Support children and young people affected by conflict, specifically through education in emergencies and crisis situations.

A total of EUR 15 800 000 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. Annex 1 is replaced by Annex 1 to the present Decision.

3. Annex 2 is replaced by Annex 2 to the present Decision

Done at Brussels, 25.11.2016

*For the Commission*  
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