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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the Regulation (EC) No. 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the council of 18 December 2006, establishing a financing instrument for Development Cooperation¹, and in particular Article 22 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Bangladesh 2007-2013² and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2011-2013³, which provides for the following priorities: (i) human and social development; (ii) governance and human rights. Climate change is included in the Multiannual Indicative Programme as a non-focal sector.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme 2011 are to contribute to the achievement of Bangladesh's development goals by providing support to the (i) primary education sector programme for more inclusive and better quality primary education, (ii) local government bodies to strengthen capacities of local governments and other stakeholders to foster participatory local development service delivery, (iii) strengthening Bangladesh Election Commission as an independent and professional body; and (iv) implementation of the Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.
- (3) On 26 July 2010, by Decision C(2010)5009, the Commission adopted the Annual Action Programme for Bangladesh 2010 and 2011 part 1, the latter being the "Support to the Bangladesh Population and Housing Census 2011", of value of EUR 6 000 000.
- (4) On 13 July 2011, by Decision C(2011)4948, the Commission adopted the Annual Action Programme for Bangladesh 2011 part 2, consisting of "Supporting Local Development in the Chittagong Hill Tracts", with a value of EUR 24 000 000.

¹ OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p.58

² [C\(2007\)1480](#)

³ [C\(2010\)3896](#)

- (5) The Annual Action Programme 2011 part 3 complements the earlier Decisions. The four actions selected are expected to improve and strengthen education, governance, election management and climate change resilience.
- (6) The present Decision constitutes a Financing Decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget⁴ (hereafter 'the Financial Regulation') and Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget⁵ (hereafter 'the Implementing Rules').
- (7) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by the present Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment on the basis of articles 83 of the Financial Regulation and 106(5) of its Implementing Rules.
- (8) The Commission is required to define the term "substantial change" in the meaning of Article 90 (4) of the Implementing Rules to ensure that any substantial change in this Decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial Decision.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the DCI Committee set up under Article 35 of Regulation (EEC) No1905/2006,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annual Action Programme 2011 Part 3 in favour of Bangladesh, constituted by the actions "Primary Education Development Programme III (PEDP III)", "Local Governance and Decentralization Programme for Union Parishads and Upazila Parishads", "Strengthening Election Management in Bangladesh (SEMB)", and "Bangladesh Climate Change Resilience Fund" the text of which is set out in the attached Annexes, is approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 98 000 000 to be financed from budget line 19.100101 of the general budget of the European Union for 2011.

This maximum contribution shall also cover any possible interests due for late payment.

Article 3

Cumulated changes of the allocations to the specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the European Union shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the Annual Action

⁴ OJ L 248 of 16.09.2002 p. 1.

⁵ OJ L 357 of 31.12.2002, p.1.

Programme. This may include an increase of the maximum contribution of the European Union up to 20%.

The relevant authorising officer may amend the present Decision to introduce non-substantial changes to the Annual Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
Andris Piebalgs
Member of the Commission

ANNEXES

Annual Action Programme 2011 part 3 in favour of Bangladesh

Annex 1: Action Fiche N° 1 " Primary Education Development Programme III (PEDP III)",

Annex 2: Action Fiche N° 2 "Local Governance and Decentralization Programme for Union Parishads and Upazila Parishads",

Annex 3: Action Fiche N° 3 " Strengthening Election Management in Bangladesh",

Annex 4: Action Fiche N° 4 "Bangladesh Climate Change Resilience Fund"