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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006¹ establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (DCI)², and in particular Articles 22 (1) and (3) 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 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Financial Regulation') and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002, and in particular Article 84 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 laying down detailed rules for the application of the Regulation 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) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Thematic Strategy Paper 2011-2013 for "Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development"³, which was drawn up to ensure a large degree of continuity with the previous programming period 2007-2010 and which establishes three priority objectives: 'Support actions aimed at promoting an inclusive and empowered society in partner countries' (Objective 1), 'Support actions aimed at raising public awareness of development issues and promoting education for development in the EU and acceding countries' (Objective 2), and 'Support actions aimed at achieving more efficient cooperation, fostering synergies and facilitating a structured dialogue between civil society networks and local authority associations from the EU and acceding countries' (Objective 3).
- (2) The objectives pursued by this Annual Action Programme for 2013 are (i) to support in-country operations (actions taking place in a single partner country) in those countries where the situation is not conducive to ensuring non-state actor and local authority involvement in the development process and/or in countries where the specific needs of parts of the population are not properly addressed and population groups are not reached by mainstream services and resources, and/or excluded from the policy-making process; (ii) to support relevant global, multi-country operations which by their very nature are more efficiently supported through this thematic programme than through geographic programmes; (iii) to support actions aimed at

¹ As well as Commission Regulation (EC) n° 960/2009 amending Regulation (EC) n° 1905/2006.

² OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 41.

³ http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/dci/documents/nsa-la_strategy_2011-2013_-_en.pdf

raising public awareness of development issues and to promoting education for development in the EU and acceding countries, giving priority to issues such as public support for the Millennium Development Goals agenda, with a particular focus on sub-Saharan Africa and coherence for development and (iv) to support actions aimed at achieving more efficient cooperation, fostering synergies and facilitating a structured dialogue between civil society networks and local authority associations from the EU and acceding countries.

- (3) This decision authorises the authorising officer by delegation to sign the agreements in which the Commission acknowledges and accepts the contribution from other donors to the present Annual Action Programme pursuant to Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation and Article 27(3) of Regulation 1905/2006.
- (4) It is appropriate to acknowledge that grants may be awarded without a call for proposals under the responsibility of the authorising officer by delegation who ensures that the conditions for an exception to a call for proposals according to Article 190 of the Rules of Application are fulfilled. The potential beneficiaries have been identified in the annexes of this decision.
- (5) The present Decision constitutes a Financing Decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union⁴ (hereafter 'the Financial Regulation') and Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application for the implementation of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget⁵ (hereafter 'the Rules of Application').
- (6) 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 92 of the Financial Regulation and 111(4) of its Rules of Application.
- (7) The Commission is required to define the term “substantial change” in the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application to ensure that any substantial change in this Decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial Decision.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the DCI Committee set up under Article 35 of Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The 2013 Annual Action Programme for Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development constituted by the actions described in the attached Annexes I to XVI, is approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the European Union to this 2013 Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 244,400,000, of which EUR 208,700,000 to be financed from budget line 21 03 01 and EUR 35,700,000 to be financed from budget line 21 03 02 of the general budget of the European Union for 2013.

⁴ OJ L 248 of 16.09.2002 p. 1.

⁵ OJ L 362 of 31.12.2012, p.1.

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

Article 3

The authorising officer by delegation is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the European Commission transfer agreements relating to contributions for external aid programmes related to the Programme "Non-State Actors and Local Authorities" to be received in line with the provisions of Article 18 of the Financial Regulation.

Article 4

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals under the responsibility of the authorising officer by delegation according to Article 190 of the Rules of Application. The potential beneficiaries have been identified in the annexes of this decision.

Article 5

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

The delegated 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, 29.4.2013

*For the Commission
Andris PIEBALGS
Member of the Commission*

ANNEXES

2013 Annual Action Programme for Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development

Annex 1: action fiche I:	Non-state actors (NSA) – Actions in partner countries (in-country interventions) – Calls for proposals
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