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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) No 236/2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action,<sup>1</sup>

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

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Thematic Strategy Paper 2014 - 2017 for the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (“IcSP Strategy Paper”), which has identified priorities for longer-term actions as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 230/2014<sup>3</sup>: to address specific global, trans-regional and emerging threats having a destabilising effect (e.g., terrorism, organised crime, illicit trafficking, threats to critical infrastructure, climate change, sudden pandemics, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear risks).
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme 2014 to be financed under the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace will follow the priorities identified by the thematic programming document: counterterrorism (including violent radicalisation) organised crime, in particular trafficking (illicit drugs, human beings, falsified medicines, firearms) and cybercrime; and protecting critical infrastructure, notably critical maritime routes and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) networks. In support of the programmed objectives, an Expert Support Facility (ESF) has been established.
- (3) With respect to the Expert Support Facility, in line with previous efforts in this domain, the expected results are to consolidate EU Member States experts' support to partner countries in developing regional and trans-regional initiatives that might respond to their real needs and priorities, from the planning phase to the monitoring and evaluation ones.
- (4) As regards counterterrorism, in line with the EU Counter-Terrorism Strategy, the objective is to disrupt terrorist networks and the activities of recruiters to terrorism, cut

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 95.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 1.

off terrorist funding and bring terrorists to justice while continuing to respect human rights and international law.

- (5) Actions to fight against organised crime will contribute to the improvement of partner countries' capabilities to tackle effectively the multifaceted components of organised crime mainly through the proactive engagement of local law enforcement actors, strengthened cooperation between the latter and police authorities and increased data gathering and information sharing;
- (6) The action in the field of critical infrastructures will improve maritime security and safety with the focus to combating piracy and armed robbery at sea.
- (7) In the field of CBRN risk management, a number of initiatives and projects are being conducted by international/regional organisations, including the EU's Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation (INSC) and IcSP programmes, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), including its Illicit Trafficking database, the World Health Organisation (WHO), EUROPOL's Counter-Proliferation Programme (CPP), the US Departments of State and of Energy, the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC), the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the World Customs Organization's Programme on Nuclear and Radiological Materials, INTERPOL's bioterrorism project, and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).
- (8) 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>.
- (9) The Commission may entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the entities identified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a delegation agreement. The Commission may entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP) identified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a delegation agreement. The responsible authorising officer has accordingly ensured that FIIAPP complies with the conditions of points (a) to (d) of Article 60(2) of Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 966/2012. However, United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Council of Europe are currently undergoing the ex ante assessment. In anticipation of the results of this review, the responsible authorising officer deems that, based on a preliminary evaluation and on the long-standing and problem-free cooperation with them, budget-implementation tasks can be entrusted to these organisations.
- (10) It is appropriate to acknowledge that grants may be awarded without a call for proposals by the responsible authorising officer who ensures that the conditions for an exception to a call for proposals according to Article 190 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 are fulfilled. The reasons for and potential beneficiaries of such award should be identified, where known, in this Decision for reasons of transparency.
- (11) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by this Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

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

- (12) The Commission is required to define the term "non-substantial change" in the sense of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer by delegation, or under his or her responsibility, by sub-delegation (hereinafter referred to as the 'responsible authorising officer').
- (13) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IFS Committee set up by the basic act.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

##### **Adoption of the measure**

The following Annual Action Programme 2014, constituted by the actions identified in the second paragraph and attached as annexes, is approved:

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The actions constituting this measure are:

- (a) Annex 1: *Countering Terrorism*
- (b) Annex 2: *Fighting Organised Crime & Protecting Critical Infrastructure*
- (c) Annex 3: *Expert Support facility – Eighth Phase*
- (d) Annex 4: *Mitigation of and preparedness against risks, either of an intentional, accidental or natural origin, related to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) materials or agents*

#### *Article 2*

##### **Financial contribution**

The maximum contribution of the European Union authorised by this Decision for the implementation of this Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 82 255 223 to be financed from budget line 21 05 01 of the general budget of the European Union for 2014.

#### *Article 3*

##### **Implementation modalities**

The budget-implementation tasks under indirect management may be entrusted to the entities identified in the attached Annexes, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreements.

Section 4 of the Annexes referred to in the second paragraph of Article 1 sets out the elements required by Article 94(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals by the responsible authorising officer according to Article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012. Where known at the moment of the adoption of this Decision, the reasons for this as well as the potential beneficiaries shall be identified in the attached Annexes.

The financial contribution referred to in Article 2 shall also cover any possible interests due for late payment.

*Article 4*

**Non-substantial changes**

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million not exceeding 20 % of the contribution referred to in the Article 2, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20 % of that contribution shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

The responsible authorising officer may adopt these non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 14.8.2014

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*