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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000<sup>1</sup> and revised in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 22 June 2010<sup>2</sup> (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Cotonou Agreement’), and in particular Articles 16 and 34 of Annex IV thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 617/2007 of 14 May 2007 on the implementation of the 10<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund under the Cotonou Agreement<sup>3</sup>, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 215/2008 of 18 February 2008 on Financial Regulation applicable to the 10<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund<sup>4</sup> (hereinafter referred to as ‘the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF Financial Regulation’) and in particular Article 67 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Ethiopia and the National Indicative Programme for the period 2008-2013<sup>5</sup>, points IV.3 and IV.4 of which provide for the following focal sector priorities: i) Transport and regional integration, ii) Rural development and food security, and iii) Socio-economic support and governance, as well as for a non-focal sector.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme are to contribute to the achievement of the Country Strategy Paper objectives principally under the first and third focal sectors as well as under the non-focal sector. In particular, it will enhance accessibility, facilitate trade, contribute to improved decentralised delivery of basic services, enhance maternal and neonatal health, stimulate women entrepreneurship, and foster good governance by increasing civil servants' and civil society capacities,
- (3) The measures covered by this Decision are in conformity with the objectives of development finance co-operation as defined in Article 55 of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement.
- (4) The Commission may entrust budget-implementation tasks under joint management (indirect management with an international organisation) to the entities identified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a contribution agreement. The responsible

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 287, 4.11.2010, p. 3.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 152, 13.6.2007, p. 1.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 78, 19.03.2008, p. 1.

<sup>5</sup> C/2007/5547

authorising officer has ensured that these entities comply with the conditions of Article 29 of the 10th EDF Financial Regulation.

- (5) The Commission may entrust budget-implementation tasks under decentralised management (indirect management with the partner country) to the beneficiary third country identified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a financing agreement. The degree of decentralisation foreseen complies with the conditions of Articles 21 to 24 of the 10th EDF Financial Regulation
- (6) 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 87(2) of the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) 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>6</sup>.
- (7) The Commission is required to define the term "non-substantial change" in the sense of Article 9(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 617/2007 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')
- (8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European Development Fund Committee set up under Article 8 of the Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the financing of Community aid under the multiannual financial framework for the period 2008 to 2013 in accordance with the ACP-EC Agreement and on the allocation of financial assistance for the Overseas Countries and Territories to which Part Four of the EC Treaty applies<sup>7</sup>.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
**Adoption of the Programme**

The Annual Action Programme 2013 in favour of Ethiopia constituted by the actions identified in the second paragraph, is approved.

The actions, the description of which is set out in the attached Annexes 1 to 7 respectively, shall be:

- Third Road Sector Policy Support Programme
- Trade Enhancement and Facilitation Programme
- Promoting Basic Services III
- Enhancing Safe Delivery in Ethiopia
- Women's Breakthrough Project
- Civil Society Fund II 2<sup>nd</sup> phase
- Technical Co-operation Facility V

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<sup>6</sup> OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

<sup>7</sup> OJ L 247, 9.9.2006, p. 32.

*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 189 300 000 to be financed from the 10th European Development Fund.

*Article 3*  
**Implementation Modalities**

The budget-implementation tasks under decentralised and joint 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 of a financing decision.

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 cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the contribution referred to in the first paragraph of Article 2 and not representing more than EUR 10 million shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions. The use of contingencies shall be taken into account in the ceiling referred to in this article.

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

Done at Brussels, 21.11.2013

*For the Commission*  
*Andris PIEBALGS*  
*Member of the Commission*