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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action, and in particular Article 3(3) thereof,


Whereas:


(2) The objective pursued by this support measure to be financed under the Development Cooperation Instrument is to finance expenditures associated with the identification, formulation, monitoring, evaluation and audit of projects and programmes, feasibility studies, preparation and exchange of lessons learnt and best practices, conferences,

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1 OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95
3 C(2014) 6112
4 C(2014) 7413
5 C(2014) 5718
6 C(2014) 5742
7 C(2014) 9526
8 C(2014) 9138
9 C(2014) 5747
10 C(2014) 9135
11 C(2014) 5776
12 C(2014) 5599
13 C(2014) 5976
14 C(2014) 5655
15 C(2014) 5824
publication activities, seminars, workshops, meetings, awareness raising activities, training sessions and study visits, technical assistance expenditure necessary for the management of actions, research activities and studies on relevant issues and the dissemination thereof, provision of information and communication actions, including the development of communication strategies and corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union.

(3) It is necessary to adopt a financing decision the detailed rules of which are laid down in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

(4) 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.

(5) Pursuant to Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 the Commission is required to define the term "non-substantial change" in order 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 'authorising officer responsible').

(6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Development Cooperation Instrument Committee established by Article 19 of Regulation (EU) No 233/2014,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1**

Adoption of the measure

The measure in favour of the Asia region for the "Support Measure 2015 for Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Asia Regional", as set out in Annex is approved.

The measure shall be constituted by the action specified in the Annex.

**Article 2**

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the measure is set at EUR 17 710 000 to be financed for the entire amount from budget line 21.02.14 of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015.

The appropriation provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interests due for late payment.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2015 after the adoption of the budget for year 2015 by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system for the provisional twelfths.

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Article 3
Implementation modalities
The Section "Implementation Issues" of the Annex to this Decision sets out the elements required by Article 94(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

Article 4
Non-substantial changes
Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million not exceeding 20% of the contribution referred to in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20% of that contribution as well as extensions of the implementation period shall not be considered substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

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

Done at Brussels, 17.12.2014

For the Commission
Neven MIMICA
Member of the Commission