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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 action¹, and in particular Article 2(3)(c) thereof;


Whereas:

(1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Yemen and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2011-2013³, points 9.2 and 10.2 of which provide for the following priorities: to contribute to enhancing rural livelihoods, to enhance communities' access to health services and improve the central and local authorities' capacity to deliver general health services to the population.

(2) In accordance with these programming documents, the 2013 Annual Action Programme (AAP) part 2 in favour of Yemen for Health and Livelihoods financed from the general budget of the European Union has been adopted by the Commission implementing Decision C(2013) 7581 of 19.11.2013, with a view to improve the health status and the food security of the population in Yemen and reduce rural poverty.

(3) The present Decision adapt the overall and specific objectives and the expected results of the Action "Enhancing Resilience in Yemen: Strengthening Health Systems" (Annex 1). The main goal of the Action is to improve the health status of the population of Yemen through supporting an enabling environment of improved resilience in rural areas. The specific objective is to improve access for rural communities to equitable quality primary health care services through a community health workers' network. The expected results are: (1) the network of community health workers is reinforced and expanded to additional Governorates with capacity to deliver basic health and nutrition services; (2) essential health and nutrition services to communities in the

¹ OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p.95.
related Governorates are delivered through the community health workers' network with referral to health facilities when required.

(4) The amendment changes the management mode of the Action "Enhancing Resilience in Yemen: Strengthening Health Systems" (Annex 1). The original implementation modality through indirect management with the local government has become unfeasible and will be replaced by the modality of direct management, with the award of a grant to implement the major part of the action, complemented by a service contact dedicated to capacity development.

(5) The envisaged assistance to Yemen is deemed to strictly follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures concerning the said country.

(6) It is necessary to adopt a financial Decision the detailed rules of which are set out 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.

(7) It is necessary to adopt a work programme for grants the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 128(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and in Article 188(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012. The work programme is set out in revised Annex 1 of the Commission Implementing Decision C(2013) 7114.

(8) The authorising officer responsible should be able to award grants without a call for proposals only in the exceptional cases set out in Article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

(9) 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 the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of the Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

(10) The Commission is required to define the term "non-substantial change" in the sense of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorizing officer by delegation, or under his or her responsibility, by sub-delegation (hereinafter referred to as the 'responsible authorizing officer').

(11) The measures provided for in this Decision shall be communicated to the European Parliament and to the Member States through the DCI Committee set up under Article 19 of Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2014 establishing a financial instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014 – 2020 within one month of their adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Implementing Decision C(2013) 7581 of 19.11.2013 on the 2013 Annual Action Programme part 2 in favour of Yemen for Health and Livelihoods to be financed from the general budget of the Union is modified as follows:

(a) the following paragraph is added at the end of Article 3:

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4 OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44.
"Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals by the authorising officer responsible in accordance with Article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012;

(b) the Annex 1 is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 15.12.2017

For the Commission
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