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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1934/2006 of 21 December 2006 establishing a financing instrument for cooperation with industrialised and other high-income countries and territories (ICI+), and with developing countries falling under Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council, for activities other than official development assistance¹ and in particular Article 6 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 and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002² (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation'), and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2011-2013 under the Instrument for Cooperation with industrialised countries and other high-income countries and territories as amended ("ICI+"), which provides for the following priorities: (1) public diplomacy and outreach; (2) economic partnership and business cooperation; (3) people-to-people links; (4) unallocated reserve and administrative costs.
- (2) Erasmus Mundus Partnerships 2013 (Erasmus Mundus II, Action 2) between South African and European Higher Education Institutions aim to contribute to the provision of appropriate high-level skills for sustainable development and growth in South Africa, and to improve political, economic and cultural links between South Africa and the European Union, by extending opportunities for the exchange of knowledge and skills between the South African and the European higher education communities. The programme is consistent with the goal of development cooperation expressed in the Joint Country Strategy Paper for 2007 – 2013, namely the alleviation of poverty and inequality in the context of sustainable development.
- (3) This action will be complementary to other European Union programmes financed by the Development Cooperation Instrument as well as initiatives funded by the European Union Member States. In particular, it will be complementary to Actions 1 and 3 of

¹ OJ L 405 of 30.12.2006 p. 41, as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1338/2011 of the Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011, OJ L 347 of 30.12.2011, p. 21

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

the same the Erasmus Mundus programme, to the Science and Technology programme in favour of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, as well as to the dialogue-support projects financed under the Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement Facility.

- (4) 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 Union³ (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules of Application').
- (5) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect centralised management to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in accordance with the Decision 2009/336/EC of 20 April 2009 setting up the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency for the management of Community action in the fields of education, audiovisual and culture in application of Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003.
- (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 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of the Rules of Application.
- (7) 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 authorising officer by delegation, or under his or her responsibility, by sub-delegation (hereinafter referred to as the 'responsible authorising officer').
- (8) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the ICI+ Committee set up under Article 15 of the basic act.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the measure

The Individual Measure 2013 in favour of South Africa, constituted by the action identified in the second paragraph, is approved.

The action, the description of which is set out in the attached Annex, shall be:

- European Mobility for Erasmus Mundus Partnerships 2013 (Erasmus Mundus II, Action 2, Strand 1).

³ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union authorised by this Decision for the implementation of this measure is set at EUR 2 400 000 to be financed from budget line 21.060600 of the General budget of the European Union for 2013.

Article 3

Implementation modalities

Budget-implementation tasks under indirect centralised management may be entrusted to the entity identified in the attached Annex, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreements.

Section 4 of the Annex referred to in the second paragraph of Article 1 sets out the elements required by Article 94(2) of the Rules of Application.

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 Article 2 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, 29.11.2013

For the Commission
Andris PIEBALGS
Member of the Commission