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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 establishing a financing **instrument for development cooperation**¹ (hereinafter referred to as 'the basic act'), and in particular Article 17.2 second subparagraph and 22 (3) 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 Multi-Annual Assistance Strategy for Belize which provides for the following priorities: a) increase the efficiency of banana production, while decreasing the environmental impact of the industry, b) improved economic and social development and c) strengthened policy and institutional framework.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme are to increase the efficiency of banana production and improved economic and social development for poverty reduction.
- (3) 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').
- (4) 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 Article 53c and 56 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁴ (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation 1605/2002').

¹ OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 41.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1. These provisions remain applicable according to Article 212 of the Financial Regulation.

- (5) 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.
- (6) 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').
- (7) The measures provided for in this decision are in accordance with the opinion of the DCI Committee set up under Article 35 of Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the programme

The Annual Action Programme for the 2013 allocation Banana Accompanying Measures in favour of Belize (BAM 2013), constituted by the action identified in the second paragraph, is approved.

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

- Action Fiche for the Banana Accompanying Measures in favour of Belize;

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union authorised by this Decision for the implementation of this programme is set at EUR 9,415,779 to be financed from budget line 21.060700 of the general budget of the European Union for 2013.

This Decision shall also cover any possible interest due for late payment.

Article 3

Implementation modalities

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 the first paragraph of 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, 30.10.2013

For the Commission
Andris PIEBALGS
Member of the Commission