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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(1) thereof,


Whereas:

(1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Yemen³ and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2011-2013⁴, point 9.3 of which aims to improve the quality and the effectiveness of the social safety net for the most vulnerable and the poorest sections of the population.

(2) The objectives initially pursued by Commission Implementing Decision C(2013)3543 of 17.6.2013 on the Annual Action Programme 2013 (part 1) in favour of the Republic of Yemen to be financed from the general budget of the Union were to reduce poverty and food insecurity by improving the quality, scope and coverage of the social safety net for the poorest in Yemen.

(3) It is now necessary to change substantially the objectives of the Annual Action Programme. The Action "Enhancing Resilience in Yemen: Strengthening the Social Safety Net", (Annex: Support to the Social Welfare Fund IV) is replaced by the Action "Cash for Work: Promoting livelihood opportunities for urban youth in Yemen", in order to promote livelihood opportunities for youth in Yemen and to preserve and restore national cultural heritage while contributing to social cohesion and peace. The revised specific objectives are: i) to increase income generating opportunities of young Yemenis in urban centres; ii) to preserve the integrity of the old urban environment; iii) to improve civil society organisations engagement and effectiveness in the sustainable management and development of community assets, cultural and human resources. The expected results are: i) job opportunities are created in rehabilitation of urban infrastructure and young Yemenis are up-skilled; ii) preservation and restoration of urban sites; iii) increased awareness around the importance of preservation and

¹ OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.
³ C(2007) 1477, 29.3.2007
promotion of cultural expression in Yemen; iv) improved access and quality of cultural services and programming within civil society and non-governmental organisations.

(4) It is also necessary to change the management mode of the initial Action "Enhancing resilience in Yemen: Strengthening the Social Safety Net" (Annex: Support to the Social Welfare Fund IV). The original implementation modality through centralised and partially decentralised management shall be replaced by the sole modality of direct management, with the award of a grant to implement major part of the action, as well as service contracts for monitoring, audit and evaluation.

(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 financing decision the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012\(^5\).

(7) It is necessary to adopt a work programme for grants in accordance with Article 128(1) of regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 188(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012. The work programme is set out in the Annex.

(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(1) of the Implementing Rules.

(9) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Development Cooperation Instrument Committee set up by Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 233/2014\(^6\).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Commission Implementing Decision C(2013)3543 of 17.6.2013 on the Annual Action Programme 2013 (part 1) in favour of the Republic of Yemen to be financed from the general budget of the Union as well as its Annex, is hereby amended as follows:

(a) At the end of Article 4, the following new paragraph is inserted:

"Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals by the authorising officer responsible in accordance with Article 190 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012".

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(b) The Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.
Done at Brussels, 11.4.2018

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission