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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to the 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 2 thereof1,


Whereas:


(3) The Annual Action Programmes shall specify for each action the objectives pursued, the expected results and main activities, the methods of implementation, the budget and an indicative timetable, any associated support measures and performance monitoring arrangements;

(4) The Commission has adopted an Implementing Decision on the first Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2014-2017 under the Partnership Instrument for cooperation with third countries4;

(5) In line with the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2014-2017, this Annual Action Programme includes measures in the following areas: support for the Union's cooperation partnership strategies, cooperation on global challenges, implementation of the international dimension of the "Europe 2020" strategy and promotion of the Union's values and interests;

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1 OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95
2 OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1
3 OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p 77
4 C(2014) 4453 final of 3 July 2014
Budget-implementation tasks under indirect management may be entrusted to the entity identified in the attached Annex 11, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreement.

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposal by the authorising officer responsible in accordance with Article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) no 1268/2012;

This Decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council;

The Commission is required to define the term "non-substantial change" in the sense of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 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');

The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Partnership Instrument Committee.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annual Action Programme, constituted by the actions identified in the second paragraph and laid down in the Annex to this Decision, is adopted: 2015 Partnership Instrument Annual Action Programme for cooperation with third countries.

The actions constituting this Annual Action Programme are:

Annex 1: Action Fiche International Urban Cooperation;
Annex 2: Action Fiche Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem services;
Annex 3: Action Fiche India Resource Efficiency Initiative;
Annex 4: Action Fiche Advancing the EU’s role in multilateral fora in Asia;
Annex 5: Action Fiche Policy Support Facility (PSF);
Annex 6: Action Fiche Technical Assistance and Information Exchange (TAIEX);
Annex 7: Action Fiche Support to Project Cycle Management
Annex 8: Action Fiche Schuman Fulbright Fellowships;
Annex 9: Action Fiche EU-Australia Leadership Forum;
Annex 10: Action Fiche Green Gateway to Japan;
Annex 11: Action Fiche EU-South Asia aviation cooperation;
Annex 12: Action Fiche Canada Mineral Investment Facility;
Annex 13: Action Fiche Support to the implementation of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA);
Article 2
The maximum contribution of the European Union authorised by this Decision for the implementation of the 2015 Partnership Instrument Annual Action Programme for cooperation with third countries is at EUR 91,470,000 to be financed from budget line 19.0501 of the general budget of the European Union for 2015.

The financial contribution referred to in Article 2 shall also cover any possible interests due for late payment.

Article 3
Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million not exceeding 20% of the contribution set by 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 action. The authorising officer responsible may adopt such non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 22.6.2015

For the Commission
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Vice-President