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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 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument¹ and in particular Article 12 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 Country Strategy Paper for Egypt and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2011-2013³, points 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 of which provide for the following priorities: reforms in the areas of democracy, human rights and justice; competitiveness and productivity of the Egyptian economy; sustainability of the development process with better management of human and natural resources.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme 2013 in favour of Egypt are to respond to the pressing socio-economic challenges that Egypt is facing, in line with the CSP and the Council conclusions of 21 August 2013. The two specific actions will contribute to (i) to increase sustainable agricultural production through a more effective management of water resources and the adoption of Good Agricultural Practices (ii) to increase rural livelihoods through the promotion of income generating activities (iii) the valorisation of territories and (iv) to support the establishment and implementation of effective policy, legislation and institutional arrangements for waste management at the national, governorate and local level in Egypt, coupled with the implementation of related infrastructure in the project regions. The two actions are fully in line with the priorities set out in the two Joint Communications 'A partnership for democracy and shared prosperity with the Southern Mediterranean'⁴ and 'A new response to a changing Neighbourhood'⁵.
- (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

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ C(2007) 672, 27.2.2007

⁴ COM(2011)200, 8.3.2011.

⁵ COM(2011)303, 25.5.2011.

on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union⁶ (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules of Application').

- (4) The Commission may entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect centralised management (indirect management with a Member State agency) to the entities identified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a delegation agreement. The responsible authorising officer has accordingly ensured that these entities comply with the conditions of Article 56(1) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁷ (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation 1605/2002') and of Article 35 of its Implementing Rules⁸.
- (5) The Commission may entrust budget-implementation tasks under joint management (indirect management with an international organisation) to the entities identified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a contribution agreement. The responsible authorising officer has ensured that these entities comply with the conditions of Article 53d of the Financial Regulation 1605/2002 and of Articles 35 and 43 of its Implementing Rules.
- (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 measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the ENPI Committee set up under Article 26 of Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the programme

The Annual Action Programme 2013 in favour of Egypt, constituted by the actions identified in the second paragraph, is approved.

The actions, the description of which is set out in the attached Annexes 1 and 2, respectively, shall be:

- Joint EU Rural Development Programme under the ENPARD initiative;
- National Solid Waste Management Programme (NSWMP).

⁶ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

⁷ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1. These provisions remain applicable until 31 December 2013 according to Article 212 of the Financial Regulation.

⁸ Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities. OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p.1. These provisions remain applicable until 31 December 2013 according to Article 212 of the Financial Regulation.

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the Annual Action Programme 2013 in favour of Egypt is set at EUR 47 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Union for 2013.

Article 3

Implementation modalities

The budget-implementation tasks under joint management and indirect centralised management shall be entrusted to the entities identified in the attached Annexes, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreements.

Section 4 of the Annexes referred to in the second paragraph of Article 1 shall set 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 to the 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 use of contingencies shall be taken into account in the ceiling referred to in this Article.

The responsible authorising officer may adopt these non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 11.11.2013

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission