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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 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, and in particular Article 58 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 in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and in particular Article 94 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 11 February 2014, the Commission adopted Implementing Decision C(2014) 717 concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2014 in the framework of the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund for the use of technical assistance, serving as financing decision.
- (2) Following the mid-term assessment of the work programme adaptations to the amounts allocated for the different actions should be made resulting in a budget decrease.
- (3) To take into account the negotiations between the Commission and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the World Bank (WB) and the United Nations (UN), it is necessary to provide that actions related to advisory services to be implemented in cooperation with international organisations are implemented under direct management through grants without calls for proposal in accordance with Article 190(1)(f) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012. In particular it is necessary to provide that new actions to be implemented by the OECD and the UN, and the action to be implemented by the WB, previously included under indirect management, are implemented under direct management through grants.
- (4) Implementing Decision C(2014) 717 should, therefore, be amended accordingly.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The first paragraph of Article 2 of Implementing Decision C(2014) 717 is replaced by the following:

"The maximum contribution for the implementation of the programme for the year 2014 is set at EUR 80 604 788 and shall be financed from the following lines of the General Budget of the European Union for 2014:

(a) budget line 13 03 65 01 (ERDF): EUR 60 966 948;

(b) budget line 13 04 61 01 (CF): EUR 19 637 840."

Article 2

The first paragraph of Article 4 of Implementing Decision C(2014) 717 is replaced by the following:

"Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 5,502%."

Article 3

Annexes I and II to Implementing Decision C(2014) 717 of 11 February 2014 are replaced respectively by Annex I and II to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 24.11.2014

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission