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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 action<sup>1</sup> and in particular Article 2 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 1605/2002<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted a Single Support Framework for the period 2014-2017<sup>3</sup>, providing for the following priorities:
  - Reinforcing the rule of law for enhanced accountability and equity in public service delivery;
  - Employment and private sector development;
  - Renewable energy and energy efficiency.
- (2) The objective pursued by the Annual Action Programme and Umbrella Programme 2014 in favour of Jordan, to be financed under the European Neighbourhood Instrument<sup>4</sup>, is on the one hand to enhance government accountability and public service delivery, and on the other hand to support private sector development.
- (3) The overall objective of the action entitled "Skills for Employment and Social Inclusion" is to assist the Government of Jordan in enhancing social inclusion through increased employability<sup>5</sup> and human resource development in line with the National Employment Strategy 2011-2020 and the Employment and Technical and Vocational Education and Training Strategy 2014-2020 (awaiting validation by the government) and their action plans.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> C(2014) 5130 of 24.07.2014.

<sup>4</sup> Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument, OJ L 77, 15/03/2014, p. 27.

<sup>5</sup> Employability is defined here as 'the combination of factors which enable individuals to progress towards getting into employment, staying in employment and progressing during their career'. This is based on the definition used in the European Commission Staff Working Paper "Development of Benchmarks on Education and Training for Employability and on Learning Mobility", SEC(2011) 670 of 24.05.2011.

- (4) The action entitled “Support to public finance and public administration reforms” has the purpose to directly support the specific objectives of the Ministry of Finance and its departments and of the Ministry of Public Sector Development, as stipulated in the "Comprehensive Reform of the Jordan’s Public Financial Management 2014-2017".
- (5) 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 Union<sup>6</sup>.
- (6) To facilitate the implementation of the incentive-based approach set forth in the European Neighbourhood Instrument, the Commission establishes multi-country umbrella programmes that supplement the indicative financial allocations for country programmes. In 2014, Jordan is granted EUR 15 million through this mechanism that offers incentives to countries that make progress towards deep and sustainable democracy; this allocation contributes to the funding of the present measure in favour of Jordan for an amount of EUR 11 million.
- (7) 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 Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (8) 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').
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European Neighbourhood Instrument Committee set up by the basic act referred to in Recital 2,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

##### **Adoption of the measure**

The following Annual Action Programme and Umbrella Programme, constituted by the actions identified in the second paragraph and attached as annexes, is approved:

- Annual Action Programme and Umbrella Programme 2014 in favour of Jordan.

The actions constituting this measure are:

- Annex 1: Skills for Employment and Social Inclusion;
- Annex 2: Support to public finance and public administration reforms.

#### *Article 2*

##### **Financial contribution**

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<sup>6</sup> OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

The maximum contribution of the European Union authorised by this Decision for the implementation of this programme is set at EUR 99.5 million:

- EUR 88.5 million to be financed from budget line 21 03 01 02, and
- EUR 11 million to be financed from budget line 21 03 03 03

of the general budget of the European Union for 2014.

### *Article 3*

#### **Implementation modalities**

Section 4 of the Annexes referred to in the second paragraph of Article 1 sets out the elements required by Article 94(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

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 decreases of up to EUR 10 million not exceeding 20 % of the contribution referred to in Article 2, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20 % of that contribution 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, 26.8.2014

*For the Commission*

*Štefan FÜLE*

*Member of the Commission*