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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 1717/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2006 establishing an Instrument for Stability¹ and in particular Articles 1(2) (b), 4 (3) and 8 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The 2012-2013 Strategy Paper² and the 2012-2013 Multi-annual Indicative Programme³ for the Instrument for Stability were adopted by the Commission on 19 March 2012 and on 20 August 2012 respectively;

(2) The proposed 2013 Annual Action Programme will implement the following objectives of the 2012-2013 Strategy Paper for the Instrument for Stability: (a) to strengthen the international capacity and regional capacity to anticipate, analyse, prevent and respond to the threat to stability and human development posed by violent conflict and natural disasters, as well as to improve post-conflict and post-disaster recovery and (b) to re-inforce the capacity of the international system — state and non-state actors; international organisations (including regional and sub-regional organizations) — to respond in peace-building and in pre- and post-crisis scenarios. It also envisages implementing the following objectives of the 2012-2013 Multi-annual Indicative Programme: i) capacity building measures for in-country non-state actors in crisis situations; ii) strengthened co-operation and dialogue between policy makers and civil society on conflict prevention, crisis preparedness and peace-building issues; iii) promotion of global early warning and coherent early action to respond to crises; iv) enhanced pre- and post-crisis capacity and cooperation within the international community, in particular with regard to natural resources and conflict minerals; v) re-enforced co-operation with EU Member States on building pre- and post-crisis capacity in third countries;

(3) Evidence of the existence and proper operation of the elements listed in Article 56 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002, within the entities entrusted with the

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² C(2012) 1649, 19.03.2012
implementation of the budget through indirect centralised management, has been obtained by the authorising officer by delegation;

(4) In accordance with Article 53d of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002, evidence has been obtained by the authorising officer that the international organisations to be entrusted with the implementation of the Union budget by joint management, apply standards which offer guarantees equivalent to internationally accepted standards in their accounting, audit, internal control and procurement procedures;

(5) It is appropriate to authorise the award of a grant without a call for proposals to the body identified in the Annex and for the reasons provided therein;


(7) The Commission is required to define the terms “substantial change” in the meaning of Article 94(4) of the rules of application to ensure that any substantial change in this decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial decision;

(8) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by the present Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment which could be made on the basis of Articles 92 of the Financial Regulation and 111(4) of its rules of application;

(9) The 2013 Annual Action Programme has received a favourable opinion by the Committee referred to in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1717/2006 and the European Parliament has been informed.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annual Action Programme for actions in the framework of the Peace-building Partnership, as set out in Annex, is hereby adopted.

Article 2

The budget implementation of tasks related to the actions 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, as set out in the Annex, may be entrusted to the entities or persons identified for this purpose.

Article 3

A grant may be awarded without a call for proposals to the body identified in the Annex in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

Article 4

The maximum contribution from the Union budget to the measures under this Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 24,000,000, to be financed from budget line 19-06-01-01 ("Crisis response and preparedness") of the 2013 budget.

This maximum contribution shall also cover any possible interests due for late payment.

Article 5

Cumulated changes of the allocation to the specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the European Union shall not be considered substantial provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the Programme. This may include an increase of the maximum contribution of the Union up to 20%.

The delegated authorising officer may amend the present Decision to adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 22.3.2013

For the Commission
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Vice-President