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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)¹, and in particular Article 14(2)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 lays down the objectives and main principles for pre-accession assistance to candidate countries and potential candidates.
- (2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006, the assistance should be provided through multi-annual or annual programmes. These programmes should be drawn up in accordance with the general policy framework referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 and the relevant multi-annual indicative planning document referred to in Article 6 of that Regulation.
- (3) The Council established an Accession Partnership or a European Partnership for all candidates and potential candidates. On 27 June 2011 the Commission adopted a multi-annual indicative planning document which presents indicative allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance to Kosovo for 2011-13².
- (4) Therefore, and having regard to the projects proposed by Kosovo, the 'Annual Programme for Kosovo* under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2013' aims at providing assistance for justice and home affairs, private sector development, smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, and public administration reform.
- (5) This Decision meets the requirements of Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002³ and thus constitutes a Financing Decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁴ (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation').
- (6) It is appropriate to implement this programme partly by centralised management in accordance with Article 53a, and partly by joint management in accordance with Article 53d of the Financial Regulation with the United Nation High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

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¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

² C(2011) 4381 of 27 June 2011.

³ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

Organization (UNESCO), with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), and with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA Committee established by Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The 'Annual Programme for Kosovo under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2013', as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

This programme shall be implemented partly by centralised management, and partly by joint management with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), and with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

It shall be implemented by means of a financing agreement to be concluded between the Commission and Kosovo in conformity with the Framework Agreement of 19 December 2007.

Article 2

The maximum European Union contribution shall be **€ 65.86 million**, to be financed under Article 22.020200 of the general budget of the European Union for 2013. The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations that will be provided for in the budget for 2013 or in the provisional twelfths.

Done at Brussels, 9.1.2013

*For the Commission,
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Member of the Commission*