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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 1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid¹, and in particular Article 2, Article 4 and Article 15(2) and (3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/755/EU of 25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union², and in particular Article 79 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 Union³, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision C(2015) 8936 adopted on 15 December 2015 provides for the financing of humanitarian aid operational priorities from the 2016 general budget of the European Union for a total amount of EUR 930 997 848 from budget articles 23 02 01 and 23 02 02.
- (2) The Commission is committed to providing a humanitarian response in those areas where there are the greatest humanitarian needs. Accordingly, the humanitarian response may be subject to reorientation or scaling-up in the course of the implementation of actions when required by changing circumstances in the field which might affect existing humanitarian needs or generate new needs.
- (3) The global humanitarian context has been characterised by an increase in humanitarian needs in locations such as Philippines, Fiji, Nigeria, Ukraine, Iran, Syria and neighbouring countries as well as related to the EU Children of Peace Initiative.
- (4) Account should also be taken of the establishment of a Facility for Refugees in Turkey⁴ pursuant to which assistance aiming, *inter alia*, at addressing the

¹ OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 1.

² OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p. 1.

³ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

humanitarian needs of refugees present in Turkey should be coordinated with the Member States. The latter are expected to contribute EUR 2 000 000 000 to the Union's budget, as external assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(b) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, in 2016 and 2017, part of which is to be used for financing humanitarian assistance to be implemented in line with Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96⁵ and according to the principles laid down in the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid⁶. An additional amount of EUR 1 000 000 is also to come from the Union's budget, it being recalled that this Decision is without prejudice to the completion in due time of the related budgetary procedures. It is also appropriate to recall that, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Commission decision governing the Facility for Refugees in Turkey and the Common Understanding establishing a governance and conditionality framework for the Refugee Facility for Turkey between the Member States and the Commission agreed on 3 February 2016, the progressive delivery of the assistance should be conditional on the implementation of the understanding between the European Union and the Republic of Turkey to step up their cooperation on support of Syrians under temporary protection and migration management in a coordinated effort to address the crisis ("the EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan").

- (5) Budgetary allocations within the specific objectives should be revised in light of the evolving circumstances and the related humanitarian needs, without prejudice to the flexibility for non-substantial changes to be adopted by the authorising officer by delegation.
- (6) It is therefore appropriate to increase the overall amount of Decision C(2015) 8936 to adapt the humanitarian response to the evolving humanitarian aid operational priorities by EUR 710 765 000 from budget article 23 02 01, to distribute this additional funding to the specific objectives fixed in that Decision, and to amend it accordingly.
- (7) This Decision complies with the conditions laid down in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁷.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Humanitarian Aid Committee established by Article 17(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96,

⁴ Commission Decision C(2015) 9500 of 24 November 2015 on the coordination of the actions of the Union and of the Member States through a coordination mechanism — the Refugee Facility for Turkey (OJ C 407, 8.12.2015, p. 8), as amended by Commission Decision C(2016) 855 of 10 February 2016 on the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (OJ C 60, 16.2.2016, p. 3).

⁵ OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 1.

⁶ Joint Statement by the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission 'The European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid', OJ C25, 30.1.2008, p. 1

⁷ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Decision C(2015) 8936 is amended as follows:

1. In Article 1, paragraphs (1) and (2) are replaced by the following:
 - "1. A maximum amount of EUR 1 641 762 848, of which EUR 1 603 862 848 from budget article 23 02 01 and EUR 37 900 000 from budget article 23 02 02, of the 2016 general budget of the European Union, is approved.
2. The humanitarian actions shall be implemented in order to:

(a) Provide humanitarian and food assistance, relief and protection to vulnerable people affected by man-made crises, possibly aggravated by natural disasters, including new crises and existing crises where the scale and complexity of the humanitarian crisis is such that it seems likely to continue.

A total of EUR 1 423 465 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this specific objective.

(b) To provide humanitarian and food assistance, relief and protection to vulnerable people affected by natural disasters that have entailed major loss of life, physical and psychological or social suffering or material damage.

A total of EUR 124 762 848 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this specific objective.

(c) Provide humanitarian assistance for response and disaster preparedness to populations affected by disasters where a small scale response is adequate and to populations affected by epidemic outbreaks.

A total of EUR 7 150 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this specific objective.

(d) Support strategies and complement existing strategies that enable local communities and institutions to better prepare for, mitigate and respond adequately to natural disasters by enhancing their capacities to cope and respond, thereby increasing resilience and reducing vulnerability.

A total of EUR 37 900 000 from budget article 23 02 02 is allocated to this specific objective.

(e) Improve the delivery of aid through complementary and thematic activities aiming at increasing the effectiveness, efficiency, quality, timeliness and visibility of humanitarian actions and transport.

A total of EUR 48 485 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this specific objective.

This specific objective shall be met through achieving the following sub-specific objectives:

(i) Strengthen the global humanitarian preparedness and response capacity of humanitarian partners by increasing the effectiveness and reinforcing the capacity of international humanitarian organisations and non-governmental organisations to assess, analyse, prepare and respond to humanitarian crises.

A total of EUR 15 000 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

(ii) Improve the conditions for delivering humanitarian aid by supporting transport services to ensure that aid is accessible to beneficiaries.

A total of EUR 13 785 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

(iii) Increase awareness, understanding and support on the part of Union citizens for humanitarian aid issues and the role which the European Union plays in the field, by organising high impact communication actions designed to enhance awareness, knowledge, understanding and support for humanitarian issues and to highlight the partnership between the Commission and its partners in delivering relief assistance to people affected by humanitarian crises. Communication actions in 2016 will also contribute, where appropriate, to the corporate communication of the Commission, and in particular to the corporate theme dealing with the EU's role in the world (currently "EU as a global actor").

A total of EUR 4 000 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

(iv) Provide high quality European education and professional qualifications on humanitarian action that impact on humanitarian aid policy and practice.

A total of EUR 700 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

(v) Support children and young people affected by conflict, specifically through education in emergencies and crisis situations.

A total of EUR 15 000 000 from budget article 23 02 01 is allocated to this sub-specific objective.

Annex 1 to this Decision reflects the above-mentioned allocations by specific objectives.

Annex 2 to this Decision gives an indication of the contemplated allocation by countries/regions."

2. Article 4 is replaced as follows:

"The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the relevant appropriations, which itself may be subject to the approval of the budgetary authority, where required under Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012."

3. Annex 1 is replaced by Annex 1 to the present Decision.

4. Annex 2 is replaced by Annex 2 to the present Decision

Done at Brussels, 24.5.2016

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

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ANNEX I
allocations by specific objective in Euro

Country/Region	Specific Objective 1	Specific Objective 2	Specific Objective 3	Specific Objective 4	Specific Objective 5	TOTAL		
	Man-made crises	Natural Disaster	Small scale / Epidemics	DIPECHO	Complementary and thematic activities and transport			
	23 02 01 Humanitarian Aid and Food Assistance (in EUR)	23 02 01 Humanitarian Aid and Food Assistance (in EUR)	23 02 01 Humanitarian Aid and Food Assistance (in EUR)	23 02 02 Disaster Preparedness (in EUR)	23 02 01 Humanitarian Aid and Food Assistance (in EUR)	23 02 01 Humanitarian Aid and Food Assistance (in EUR)	23 02 02 Disaster Preparedness (in EUR)	TOTAL
TOTAL	1 423 465 000	124 762 848	7 150 000	37 900 000	48 485 000	1 603 862 848	37 900 000	1 641 762 848

ANNEX II

Indicative allocations by regions/countries 2016 (in euros)

REGIONS/COUNTRIES	23.0201 ⁸ Humanitarian aid and food assistance	Countries with proposed humanitarian aid interventions at the outset	Countries without initial allocation	23.0202 Disaster Preparedness	Countries with proposed DIPECHO interventions
NORTH AFRICA, EUROPEAN NEIGHBOUROOD, CENTRAL ASIA & MIDDLE EAST	1 007 200 000			5 200 000	
Turkey ⁹	510 000 000				
Syria crisis	330 000 000	Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey,	Egypt		
Iraq crisis	74 100 000	Iraq			
Yemen	30 000 000	Yemen			
Palestine ¹⁰	25 800 000	Palestine			
North Africa	12 800 000	Algeria, Libya	Morocco, Tunisia		
Balkans	2 100 000			5 200 000	

⁸ Actions financed under this budget article may include a DRR and/or education component

⁹ The global final amount is EUR 600 000 000

¹⁰ This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue

REGIONS/COUNTRIES	23.0201⁸ Humanitarian aid and food assistance	Countries with proposed humanitarian aid interventions at the outset	Countries without initial allocation	23.0202 Disaster Preparedness	Countries with proposed DIPECHO interventions
Ukraine	22 400 000	Ukraine			
SUDAN & SOUTH SUDAN, HORN of AFRICA, GREAT LAKES, SOUTHERN AFRICA, INDIAN OCEAN	220 600 000			7 200 000	
Sudan and South Sudan	88 500 000	Sudan, South Sudan			
Horn of Africa	79 000 000	Somalia, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda	Eritrea	2 800 000	
Democratic Republic of Congo and Great Lakes region	52 500 000	Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania	Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Sao Tomé		
Regional Malawi, Madagascar and Mozambique	600 000	Malawi, Madagascar and Mozambique		4 400 000	Malawi, Madagascar and Mozambique
WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA	213 262 848				
Chad, Cameroon and Central African Republic ¹¹	62 800 000	Chad, Cameroon, Central African Republic			
Central African Republic (EUTF Bekou)	1 000 000				
West Africa ¹²	149 462 848	Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire,	Other coastal West Africa countries		

¹¹ Including a contribution from DFID as external assigned revenue (EUR 10 300 000)

¹² Including a contribution from DFID as external assigned revenue (EUR 57 957 848)

REGIONS/COUNTRIES	23.0201⁸ Humanitarian aid and food assistance	Countries with proposed humanitarian aid interventions at the outset	Countries without initial allocation	23.0202 Disaster Preparedness	Countries with proposed DIPECHO interventions
		Niger, Nigeria			
EU TRUST FUND	10 000 000				
Sahel and the Lake Chad, the Horn of Africa, and the North of Africa	10 000 000	Sahel Region and the Lake Chad area: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, the Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal; for the Horn of Africa: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda; and for the North of Africa: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and, Egypt			
SOUTH ASIA & PACIFIC	79 000 000			11 700 000	
South West Asia	54 500 000	Afghanistan / Iran, Pakistan			Afghanistan and Pakistan
South Asia	8 700 000	Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan	India, Sri Lanka, Maldives	6 100 000	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal
South East Asia and the Pacific	15 800 000	Thailand, Cambodia, DPRK, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam and regional,	Fiji, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu	5 600 000	Cambodia, DPRK, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam and regional
CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA, CARIBBEAN	17 150 000			13 800 000	

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Central America and Caribbean	9 700 000	Haiti, Cuba, Dominican Republic El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and regional	Other Caribbean countries, Mexico, Panama and Costa Rica	10 100 000	Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and regional
South America	8 465 000	Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela and regional	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay	3 700 000	Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela and regional
WORLDWIDE	35 935 000				
Emergency toolbox	7 500 000	Worldwide: Disaster Relief Emergency Fund – DREF, Epidemics and Small Scale Response			
ECHO Flight	13 435 000				
The EU Children of Peace	15 000 000				
COMPLEMENTARY OPERATIONS	19 700 000				
Enhanced Response Capacity	15 000 000				
Public awareness, Information and Communication	4 000 000				
NOHA	700 000				
TOTAL	1 603 862 848			37 900 000	

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GRAND TOTAL 1 641 762 848					