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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 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006<sup>1</sup> laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Strategy Paper for Tunisia<sup>2</sup> and the Multiannual Indicative Programme 2011-13<sup>3</sup>, which, in points 1.1 and 3.1 respectively, prioritises the pursuit of economic reforms aimed at furthering integration into the world economy and the EU market, and the development of favourable conditions for developing competitive businesses (SMEs), increasing growth and reducing unemployment.
- (2) The Annual Action Programme is aimed at supporting the formulation and implementation of the Tunisian government's emergency economic and social recovery programme and accompanying its efforts to strengthen the competitiveness of businesses in the service sector.
- (3) This Decision 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<sup>4</sup> (hereafter 'the Financial Regulation') and Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation<sup>5</sup> (hereafter 'the Implementing Rules').
- (4) The European Union's maximum contribution under this Decision should cover any possible claims for payment of default interest based on Article 83 of the Financial Regulation and Article 106(5) of the Implementing Rules.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> C(2007)672, 27.2.2007.

<sup>3</sup> C(2010)1144, 2.3.2010.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

- (5) To ensure that any substantial change to this Decision is adopted using the same procedure as for the initial decision, the term ‘substantial change’ should be interpreted in the light of Article 90(4) of the Implementing Rules.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the ENPI Committee established under Article 26 of Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The 2011 Annual Action Programme for Tunisia, consisting of the measures entitled ‘Recovery Support Programme’ and ‘Service Competitiveness Support Programme’, as set out in the attached annexes, is hereby approved.

*Article 2*

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 110 million, to be financed from line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Union for 2011.

This maximum contribution shall also cover any default interest.

*Article 3*

Cumulated changes in the allocations for the specific measures not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution from the European Union shall not be deemed substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature or objectives of the Annual Action Programme. This may include an increase of up to 20% in the European Union’s maximum contribution.

The authorising officer responsible may amend this Decision in order to make non-substantial changes to the Annual Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 23 August 2011

*For the Commission*  
*Štefan FÜLE*  
*Member of the Commission*

**ANNEXES**

**Annual Action Programme for Tunisia/ENPI**

**Annex 1: Action Fiche: Recovery Support Programme**

**Annex 2: Action Fiche: Service Competitiveness Support Programme**