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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 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation¹, and in particular Article 22 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Cuba and the National Indicative Programme for the period 2011-2013², points one and three of which provide for the following priorities: (1) Food Security; (2) Expertise exchanges, training and studies.
- (2) The objective pursued by the 2012 Annual Action Programme is to contribute to the sustainable economic and social development of Cuba 1) by supporting its food security with a value chain approach, and 2) by accompanying the on-going process of economic reform in Cuba through the sharing of best practices in areas of mutual interest.
- (3) The present 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 budget³ (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 applicable to the general budget⁴ (hereafter 'the Implementing Rules').
- (4) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by the present Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment on the basis of Articles 83 of the Financial Regulation and 106(5) of its Implementing Rules.

¹ OJEU L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 41.

² C(2010) 3008

³ OJ L 248 of 16.09.2002 p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 357 of 31.12.2002, p.1.

- (5) The Commission is required to define the term “substantial change” in the meaning of Article 90 (4) of the Implementing Rules to ensure that any substantial change in this Decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial Decision.

The Commission has ensured that the management system set up by the entities to which the Commission will entrust implementation of EU funds for the actions "Contribution to Food Security in Cuba" and "EU facility for expertise exchanges, training and studies for Cuba " comply with the conditions for the delegation of tasks under indirect centralised management, as provided for in Articles 56(1) of the Financial Regulation and Article 35 of its Implementing Rules with regard to the actions implemented under indirect centralised management.

- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the DCI Committee set up under Article 35 of Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The 2012 Annual Action Programme in favour of Cuba, constituted by the actions: (1) "Support for food security in Cuba" and (2) "EU facility for expertise exchanges, training and studies for Cuba", the text of which is set out in the attached Annex, is approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 13 million, to be financed from budget line 19 09 01 of the general budget of the European Union for 2013, subject to the approval by the Budget Authority.

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

Article 3

Cumulated changes of the allocations 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 Annual Action Programme. This may include an increase of up to 20% in the maximum contribution of the European Union.

The relevant authorising officer may amend the present Decision to introduce non-substantial changes to the Annual Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Article 4

The management systems set up by the entities to which the Commission will entrust implementation of EU funds for the actions "Support for food security in Cuba" and "EU Facility EU facility for expertise exchanges, training and studies for Cuba " comply with the conditions for the delegation of tasks under indirect centralised management, as indicated in

the table attached as Appendix to the relevant action fiches. The financial implementation of tasks related to these actions can therefore be entrusted to these entities

Done at Brussels, 3.12.2012

For the Commission
Andris Piebalgs
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Action Fiche 1: Support for food security in Cuba

Action Fiche 2: EU Facility for expertise exchanges, training and studies for Cuba