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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) N° 230/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace for the period 2014-2020¹, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Thematic strategy papers shall constitute the general basis for the implementation of assistance under Articles 4 and 5 of Regulation (EU) N° 230/2014 and shall provide a framework for cooperation between the Union and the partner countries or regions concerned.
- (2) The preparation and implementation of thematic strategy papers shall comply with the principles of aid effectiveness, such as partnership, coordination and, where applicable, harmonisation. To that end, thematic strategy papers shall be consistent with, and avoid duplication of, programming documents approved or adopted under other Union instruments for external assistance.
- (3) Thematic strategy papers shall, in principle, be based on a dialogue of the Union or, where appropriate, the relevant Member States with the partner countries or regions concerned involving civil society and regional and local authorities, so as to ensure that the countries or regions concerned acquire sufficient ownership of the programming process.
- (4) Each thematic strategy paper shall be accompanied by a multiannual indicative programme summarising the priority areas selected for Union financing, the specific objectives, the expected results, the performance indicators and the time frame of Union assistance.
- (5) The multiannual indicative programme shall determine the indicative financial allocations for each programme therein, taking into account the needs and the particular difficulties of the partner countries or regions concerned. The financial allocations may be given in the form of a range where necessary.
- (6) Thematic strategy papers shall be approved and multiannual indicative programmes shall be adopted by the Commission in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 16(3) of Regulation (EU) No 236/2014. That procedure shall also apply to substantial reviews which have the effect of significantly modifying thematic strategy papers or multiannual indicative programmes.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the committee established by Article 11 of Regulation (EU) N° 230/2014.

¹ OJ L77 of 15 March 2014, p. 1

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Thematic Strategy Paper 2014-2020 of the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace, contained in annex to the present decision, is hereby approved and its accompanying Multiannual indicative Programme 2014-2017 is hereby adopted.

Done at Brussels, 11.8.2014

*For the Commission
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