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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 951/2007 of 9 August 2007 laying down implementing rules for cross-border cooperation programmes financed under Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument¹, and in particular to Article 43(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted on 29 July 2008 the Decision C(2008)3806 final approving the joint operational programme "Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova 2007-2013" for the ENPI Cross-Border Co-operation 2007-2013, with a budget of EUR 126,718,066, having the objective of improving the economic, social and environmental situation in the Programme area, in the context of safe and secure borders, through increased contact of partners on both sides of the borders.
- (2) Provision is made in Article 43(3) of the Commission Regulation (EC) No 951/2007 of 9 August 2007 for the extension of the execution period of the joint operational programmes in case of unforeseen and duly justified needs or circumstances after request of the Joint Monitoring Committee.
- (3) On 7 October 2015 the Joint Monitoring Committee has requested the Commission to extend the execution period of the concerned programme.
- (4) The Commission recognizes the unforeseen and duly justified needs or circumstances of the programme demanding an extension of the execution period of the Programme. Therefore it is necessary to extend the implementation phase in order to:
 - foresee the extension of the implementation period of the technical assistance component until 31 December 2018;
 - provide the possibility to extend the implementation period of individual projects until 31 December 2016 on the basis of duly justified needs or circumstances of the programme.
- (5) The Commission recognizes the need for financing the costs of the preparatory actions of the new programmes Romania-Ukraine and Romania-Republic of Moldova financed under Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and the

¹ OJ L 210, 10.08.2007, page 10. This Regulation has been last amended by the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1343/2014 of 17 December 2014 (OJ L 363, 18.12.2014, page 75).

Council establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument until the receipt of the first pre-financing from the new programme.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

1. The execution period of the joint operational programme "Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova 2007-2013" for the ENPI Cross-Border Cooperation 2007-2013 is extended until 31 December 2018.
2. For the technical assistance component, the implementation phase shall be extended until 31 December 2018.
3. The implementation phase for projects may be extended until 31 December 2016, on the basis of reasoned requests submitted by the Joint Monitoring Committee to the European Commission for prior approval.
4. Costs related to preparatory actions of the programmes Romania-Ukraine and Romania-Republic of Moldova financed under Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument may be covered by the Technical Assistance budget of the current ENPI CBC programme subject to the adoption by the Commission of the ENI CBC Joint Operational Programme and until the receipt of the first pre-financing.
5. Chapters 7.3 and 8.3 of the Annex to the above Commission Decision is adapted accordingly.

Done at Brussels, 18.12.2015

For the Commission
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