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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/322 of 2 March 2015 on the implementation of the 11th European Development Fund¹, and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/323 of 2 March 2015 on the financial regulation applicable to the 11th European Development Fund², and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the National Indicative Programme for the period 2014-2020³, point 6 of which provides for the following priorities: Support measures (including measures to support or follow-up the programming, preparation or implementation of actions as well as Support to the National Authorising Officer).
- (2) The objectives pursued by the measure to be financed under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) Internal Agreement⁴ ('Internal Agreement') are to support the Government's development strategy through the implementation of sound European Union (EU) development programmes and to foster a more coherent and informed approach to policy dialogue and to development cooperation, political cooperation and trade related issues.
- (3) The action entitled 'Technical Cooperation Facility and Support to the National Authorising Officer (NAO)' aims at strengthening the administrative, financial and technical capacity of the NAO in order to contribute to effective implementation of EU assistance and strengthen the quality and visibility of EDF actions in Angola. It will be implemented in direct management (procurement of services) and in indirect management with the partner country (procurement of services and programme estimates).

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

³ Commission Decision C(2015)4613 of 10.7.2015 – revised with corrigendum C(2015)9294 of 11.12.2015.

⁴ Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, on the financing of European Union aid under the multiannual financial framework for the period 2014 to 2020, in accordance with the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, and on the allocation of financial assistance for the OCTs to which Part Four of the EC Treaty applies (OJ L 210, 6.8.2013).

- (4) It is necessary to adopt a financing decision the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁵ applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (5) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the Government of Angola, subject to the conclusion of a financing agreement. In accordance with Article 60(1)(c) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, the authorising officer responsible needs to ensure that measures are taken to supervise and support the implementation of the entrusted tasks. A description of these measures and the entrusted tasks are laid down in the Annex to this Decision.
- (6) It is necessary to allow the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, applicable in accordance with Article 29(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (7) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall in the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The European Development Fund Committee set up by Article 8 of the Internal Agreement should be informed of this Decision within one month following its adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the measure

The individual measure in favour of the Republic of Angola to be financed from the 11th European Development Fund, as set out in the Annex, is approved.

The measure shall include the following action:

- Annex: 'Technical Cooperation Facility and Support to the National Authorising Officer'

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the measure referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 5 000 000 and shall be financed from the 11th European Development Fund.

The financial contribution provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 3

Implementation modalities

Budget-implementation tasks under indirect management may be entrusted to the entity identified in the Annex, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreement.

⁵ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation 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).

The elements required by Article 94(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, applicable in accordance with Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, are set out in the Annex.

Article 4

Non-substantial changes

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 not exceeding 20% of the contribution set by the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20% of that contribution, as well as extensions of the implementation period, shall not be considered substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, applicable in accordance with Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions. The use of contingencies shall be taken into account in the ceiling set by this Article.

The authorising officer responsible may adopt such non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 11.5.2016

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission