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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/323 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 (Multiannual) Indicative Programme³ for Angola for the period 2014-2020, point 3.1 of which provides for the following priorities: development and valorisation of human capital resources by expanding knowledge and skills at the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) as to meet the requirements of the country's labour market.
- (2) The objective pursued by the Annual Action Programme 2016 to be financed under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) Internal Agreement⁴ ('Internal Agreement') is to support Angola in its efforts to improve the country's technical and vocational education and training systems. It targets the centralized and decentralized structures of the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Public Administration, Labour and Social Security and the Technical Management Unit of the Human Capital National Plan, in the provinces of Benguela, Huambo, Huíla, Luanda, Moxico and Uíge.
- (3) The Action entitled "RETFOP – Revitalização do Ensino Técnico e da Formação Profissional" (Reviving Technical and Vocational Education and Training) aims at contributing to the reduction of unemployment, especially among youth, by making human capital more employable and productive. The project's specific objectives are: i) to strengthen the strategic management capacities of the relevant public institutions at central and local levels and reinforce coordination among them and with the private sector; ii) to improve the quality and relevance of the curricula and qualifications provided by TVET and iii) to facilitate and support the transition of TVET trainees to

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

³ Commission Decision on the adoption of the National Indicative Programme between the European Union and Angola C (2015) 4613 of 10.07.2015.

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 Overseas Countries and Territories to which Part Four of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union applies (OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1).

the labour market. The action will be implemented in indirect management with Camões I.P and France Expertise.

- (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 entities specified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a delegation agreement. In accordance with Article 60(1) and (2) 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 these entities guarantee a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union equivalent to that required when the Commission manages Union funds. These entities comply with the conditions of points (a) to (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 60(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and the supervisory and support measures are in place as necessary.
- (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) Pursuant to Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, applicable in accordance with Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, the Commission should define changes to this Decision which are not substantial in order to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer responsible.
- (8) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the EDF Committee set up by Article 8 of the Internal Agreement.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the Action

The Annual Action Programme 2016 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 programme shall include the following action:

- Annex: “RETFOP – Revitalização do Ensino Técnico e da Formação Profissional” (Reviving Technical and Vocational Education and Training)

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the programme referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 22 000 000 and shall be financed from the 11th EDF.

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

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).

Article 3

Implementation modalities

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

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

Done at Brussels, 31.10.2016

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission