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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) 2015/322 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 Somalia Compact³ and the National Indicative Programme for Somalia for the period 2014 to 2020⁴ which provides for the following priorities:
 - Achieve a stable and peaceful federal Somalia through inclusive political processes;
 - Establish unified, capable, accountable and rights-based Somali security institutions providing basic safety and security for its citizens;
 - Establish independent and accountable justice institutions capable of addressing the justice needs of the people of Somalia by delivering justice for all;
 - Revitalise and expand the Somali economy with a focus on livelihood enhancement, employment generation, and broad-based inclusive growth; and
 - Increase delivery of equitable, affordable and sustainable services that promote national peace and reconciliation among Somalia's regions and citizens; enhance transparent and accountable revenue generation and equitable distribution and sharing of public resources.
- (2) The general objective pursued by the Annual Action Programme to be financed under the 11th European Development Fund is to support the delivery of good quality education and training for the target population in Somalia.
- (3) The action entitled ***Education Sector Development Support for Regions in South and Central Somalia*** is part of a more comprehensive response to the commitments made by the EU (and other partners) to support the Somalia Federal Government's priorities outlined in the Somali Compact and aims to support the delivery of good-quality

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

³ Communiqué: A New Deal for Somalia, Brussels Conference, 16 September 2013; European Commission - MEMO/13/789 of 16/09/2013.

⁴ Signed 19 June 2014.

education and training for the target population in Somalia. This will be implemented through direct management.

- (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 by virtue of Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (5) It is necessary to adopt a work programme for grants the detailed rules on which are set out in Article 128(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and in Article 188(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012. The work programme is constituted by the Annex (section 4.3).
- (6) The authorising officer responsible should be able to award grants without a call for proposals provided that the conditions for an exception to a call for proposals in accordance with Article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 applicable by virtue of Articles 37(1) and 2(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/323 are fulfilled.
- (7) 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 by virtue of Article 29(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (8) Pursuant to Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, 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.
- (9) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the European Development Fund Committee set up by Article 8 of the 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 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union applies⁶.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the Annual Action Programme

The Annual Action Programme 2015 in favour of Somalia 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 1: Education Sector Development Support for Regions in South and Central Somalia

Article 2

Financial contribution

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

⁶ OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1.

The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the programme referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 11 000 000 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

The section “Implementation” of the Annex to this Decision sets out the elements required by Article 94(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals by the responsible authorising officer according to Article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

Article 4

Non-substantial changes

Increases or decreases 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 the Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, 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, 24.7.2015

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission