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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 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 9(1) and 9(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2018/1877 of 26 November 2018 on the financial regulation applicable to the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund, and repealing Regulation (EU) 2015/323<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 24 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2020)4649 final<sup>3</sup> the Commission has adopted the Annual Action Programme 2020 in favour of the Republic of Malawi.
- (2) The implementation modalities foreseen in the Financing Agreement were affected by a recent simplification exercise that restricted the use of programme estimates and works contracts. The National Authorizing Officer for the European Development Fund in Malawi is forced to phase out its activities due to shortage of operating funds.
- (3) It is therefore appropriate to revise implementation modalities reflecting the current context while reinforcing collaboration with the Government of Malawi.
- (4) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (5) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union<sup>4</sup>.
- (6) Therefore, Commission Decision C(2020)4649 final should be amended accordingly.
- (7) This amending decision is in accordance with the opinion of the European Development Fund Committee established under Article 8 of the Internal Agreement.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Sole Article*

Commission Decision C(2020)4649 final is amended as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 307, 3.12.2018, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> [Commission Decision C\(2020\)4649 final of 3.7.2020 on the financing of the Annual Action Programme 2020 in favour of the Republic of Malawi.](#)

<sup>4</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu). Note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy, the OJ prevails.

- (1) the following Article 5 is added to the Decision:

*Article 5*  
*Grants*

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex. Grants may be awarded to the bodies referred to in the Annex selected in accordance with point 5.4.1 of the Annex.”

- (2) The Annex to the Commission Decision C(2020) 4649 final is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 1.8.2023

*For the Commission*  
*Jutta URPILAINEN*  
*Member of the Commission*