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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) 2018/1877 of 26 November 2018 on the financial regulation applicable to the 11th European Development Fund, and repealing Regulation (EU) 2015/323², and in particular Article 24 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the EU-Zimbabwe Technical Cooperation Facility, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU³.
- (3) The Commission has adopted the National Indicative Programme for Zimbabwe for the period 2014-2020 which sets out the following priorities: the provision of support in improving health outcomes for the population of Zimbabwe, supporting economic development based on sustainable agriculture and fostering good governance and institutional strengthening. The Technical Cooperation Facility is identified as an important measure to accompany our programming, preparation and implementation of actions.
- (4) The objectives pursued by the measure to be financed under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) Internal Agreement⁴ ("Internal Agreement") are to contribute to sustainable development and poverty reduction in Zimbabwe through putting in place measures to support or accompany the programming, implementation, evaluation and audit of actions under the 11th EDF National Indicative Programme (NIP) and to prepare for the post-2020 development cooperation strategy. The action entitled "EU-Zimbabwe Technical Cooperation Facility" aims at ensuring the efficient and effective utilisation of EU development assistance in support of the

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 307, 3.12.2018, p. 1.

³ 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.

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.

implementation of the Government's development strategies and policies by providing a flexible instrument that will support on demand all stages of the project cycle and address specific needs to enhance policy dialogue in strategic areas.

- (5) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, applicable in accordance with Article 24(2) and Article 25 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1877.
- (6) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the measure, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (7) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall within the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The EDF Committee established under Article 8 of the Internal Agreement should be informed of this Decision within one month following its adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The measure

The financing decision, constituting the implementation of the individual measure in favour of the Republic of Zimbabwe, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following action: EU-Zimbabwe Technical Cooperation Facility set out in the Annex.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure is set at EUR 3 000 000 and shall be financed from the 11th European Development Fund.

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

Article 4
Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in 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 for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, applicable in accordance with Article 24(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1877, provided that these changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 8.7.2019

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