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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(4) 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) In the context of the Commission Decision C(2016)7055 of 31.10.2016 on the Annual Action Programme 2016 (part 2) in favour of Zimbabwe to be financed from the 11th European Development Fund, the action entitled "Support to the Rule of Law and Access to Justice for All" (Annex 1) had as specific objectives to increase the independence, competence, integrity and professionalism of the judiciary, to enhance efficiency, transparency, integrity and accountability in the justice delivery systems and to enhance the capacity of all people, especially women and vulnerable groups, to exercise their rights and access to justice.
- (2) The financial allocation to this action should now be increased by providing an additional amount of EUR 2 000 000 to support the process of aligning laws to the Constitution. As a consequence, Annex 1 to the Commission Decision C(2016)7055 should also be modified accordingly.
- (3) It is necessary to adopt a financing decision the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, any substantial change to a financing decision that has already been adopted should follow the same procedure as the initial decision. It is therefore appropriate that the Commission defines the changes to this Decision that are considered non-substantial in order to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer responsible.
- (4) The envisaged supplementary assistance to Zimbabwe is deemed to strictly follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures concerning the said country.
- (5) The changes provided for in this Decision do not fall within the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The EDF Committee

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

established under Article 8 of the Internal Agreement should be informed of this Decision within one month following its adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Decision C(2016)7055 of 31.10.2016 on the Annual Action Programme 2016 (part 2) in favour of Zimbabwe to be financed from the 11th European Development Fund is modified as follows:

- 1) In Article 2 the words "EUR 24 000 000" are replaced by the following: "EUR 26 000 000".
- 2) Annex 1 is replaced by the Annex to the present Decision.

Done at Brussels, 26.2.2018

*For the Commission
Stefano Manservigi
Director General*