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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) 2015/322¹ of 2 March 2015 on the implementation of the 11th European Development Fund, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/323² of 2 March 2015 on the financial regulation applicable to the 11th European Development Fund, and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the National Indicative Programme for Zimbabwe for the period 2014-2020³, of which provides for the following priorities: health, agriculture based economic development, governance and institutional building, measures in support of civil society and support measures.
- (2) The Action entitled “Agriculture-based economic recovery” aims at increasing resilience of the vulnerable and food insecure communities through support to the agricultural sector and at strengthening the policy support and coordination of the agriculture sector. The Action will be implemented through direct award of grants and indirect management with an international organisation under Specific Objective 1: 'Building Resilience of small holder food insecure communities' and through indirect management with an international organisation under Specific Objective 2 'Enhancing agriculture/horticulture and livestock through policy and coordination support'.
- (3) The main purpose of the present amendment to Decision C(2015)856 is to change the implementing partner of Specific Objective 2 from initially the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) and the International Trade Centre (ITC) to only FAO, to add the aspect of policy and coordination in the livestock and horticulture sector and a reallocation of funds within Specific Objective 2.
- (4) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the FAO, subject to the conclusion of a delegation agreement. In accordance with Article 60(1) and (2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, 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. This entity complies with the conditions of points

¹ OJ L 58, du 2.03.2015

² OJ L 58 du 2.03.2015

³ C(2015)346

(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.

- (5) The amendment provided for in this Decision does not fall in the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the 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 EC Treaty applies.⁴ It shall be informed of this Decision within one month following its adoption,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Annex to Decision C (2015)856 is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision

Done at Brussels, 6.10.2015

For the Commission
Neven MIMICA
Member of the Commission

⁴ OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1.