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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) By its Decision C(2015)8089 of 24.11.2015 the Commission adopted an individual measure in favour of Zimbabwe, including the action entitled ‘Zimbabwe Agricultural Growth Programme (ZAGP)’.
- (2) It is now necessary to include under Outcome 5 the strengthening of land governance and administration, critical for security of tenure and the use of land as collateral and contribute to increasing investment, productivity and production. Implementation will be organised in indirect management with an International Organisation. The financial allocation to this action should now be increased by providing an additional amount of EUR 7 000 000.
- (3) Therefore, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046³, applicable by virtue of Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (4) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU⁴.
- (5) Pursuant to Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the programme.
- (6) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046, applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

³ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018 p. 81

⁴ 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.

- (7) To this end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046 and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046 before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (8) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the EDF Committee established under Article 8 of the Internal Agreement.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Decision C(2015) 8089 of 24.11.2015 on the individual measure in favour of Zimbabwe to be financed from the 11th European Development Fund is modified as follows:

- (1) In Article 2, first paragraph, the words "EUR 40 000 000" are replaced by the words "EUR 47 000 000".
- (2) in Article 3, the following new first paragraph is added:
"The implementation of the action carried out by way of indirect management, as set out in the Annex, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 5.4.4 of the Annex."
- (3) The Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 10.12.2018

For the Commission
Neven MIMICA
Member of the Commission