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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 Fund (EDF)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/323 of 2 March 2015 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the 11th European Development Fund<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the 2014-2020 annual indicative programme<sup>3</sup> for Burkina Faso<sup>4</sup>, point 1.2 of which sets out the following priorities: governance, health and food and nutrition security, sustainable agriculture and water.
- (2) The objective of the measure financed under the 11th EDF<sup>5</sup> is to support the political transition process in Burkina Faso, to contribute to stabilising the political, social and economic situation, to contribute to the smooth conduct of the electoral process, to support the consolidation of the rule of law and governance and to give the government more budgetary room to manoeuvre. It will reinforce dialogue with the Government on national development policy, the macroeconomic framework and public finances.
- (3) A popular uprising intended to prevent the amendment of the Constitution by the then President led to the dissolution of the government and the national assembly, and to the resignation of the President of Burkina Faso on 31 October 2014. A transitional government was appointed within two weeks by all the stakeholders to run the country until the official election of a president and a new national assembly. The first round of the forthcoming presidential and legislative elections is set for 11 October 2015, with municipal elections planned for 31 January 2016.
- (4) Burkina Faso is in a politically precarious situation: the country has, for a limited period of time, transitional institutions (both executive and legislative) with mandates set out in the 'Transition Charter', which supplements the 1991 Constitution.

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

<sup>3</sup> Decision C(2014)3497.

<sup>4</sup> Decision C(2014)3497.

<sup>5</sup> 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).

- (5) Further to this political frailty, the main challenge facing the transitional Government is the significant fall in domestic revenue due to several internal (the socio-political situation) and external (commodity prices, exchange rates and the Ebola virus disease) shocks. It is therefore important to enable the government to organise elections to bring the transition to a close, to maintain basic public services and to respond to the social expectations of the population, while maintaining macroeconomic stability.
- (6) It is necessary to adopt a financing decision, the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012<sup>6</sup>, applicable by virtue of Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 2015/323.
- (7) The payment of interest on late payment should be allowed on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, applicable by virtue of Article 29(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (8) The measure provided for in this Decision is in line with the opinion of the European Development Fund Committee set up under Article 8 of the Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the financing of European Union aid under the multiannual financial framework for 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 applies<sup>7</sup>.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

##### **Adoption of the measure**

The decision on the individual measure for Burkina Faso to be financed from the 11th European Development Fund, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following action:

- Annex: Programme to support the transition in Burkina Faso (PATBF)

#### *Article 2*

##### **Financial contribution**

The maximum contribution of the European Union authorised by this Decision for the implementation of the measure referred to in Article 1 is set at €120 000 000, to be financed under the 11th EDF.

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

#### *Article 3*

##### **Methods of implementation**

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<sup>6</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

<sup>7</sup> OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1.

The 'Implementation' section of the Annex to this Decision sets out the elements required by Article 94(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

*Article 4*

**Non-substantial changes**

Increases or decreases of up to €10 000 000 not exceeding 20 % of the contribution referred to in Article 2, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20 % of that contribution, or extensions of the implementation period shall not be considered substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

The responsible authorising officer may adopt these non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 10.6.2015

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*