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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<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 9 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 National Indicative Programme for the Republic of Guinea for 2014-2020<sup>3</sup>, point 3 of which sets out the following priorities: 1) restoring state authority, 2) urban sanitation, and 3) health. Support measures are also planned, including an exit strategy in the road transport sector, a Programme to support the National Authorising Officer and a Technical Cooperation Facility to provide back-up for the programming, preparation and implementation of the operations.
- (2) The measure financed under the 11th EDF<sup>4</sup> will take place in the specific context of a health crisis in the country which has had serious repercussions on social and economic life. The measure is therefore aimed at helping the government to eradicate the Ebola virus and to promote sustainable and inclusive growth.
- (3) The 'support programme for the consolidation of the state' is intended to help increase the fiscal space available to the government for revitalising the health sector following the Ebola crisis, to give fresh momentum to the implementation of reforms in public finance and the statistical system, and to support the government's efforts to preserve vital state functions. The measure will also help strengthen the state's statistical capacity. The action will be implemented through budget support, to be supplemented by an institutional support component for the National Statistical Institute.

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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) 9205 final, 2.12.14.

<sup>4</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.

- (4) A financing decision should therefore be adopted, the procedures for which are set out in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012<sup>5</sup>, applicable by virtue of Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (5) The Commission should delegate budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the partner country specified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a financing agreement. In accordance with Article 60(1)(c) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 applicable by virtue of Articles 17 and 2(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, the authorising officer responsible must ensure that measures are taken to supervise and support implementation of the delegated tasks. Those measures and delegated tasks are described in the annex to this Decision.
- (6) The authorising officer responsible may award grants without a call for proposals provided that the conditions for an exception to a call for proposals laid down in Article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, applicable by virtue of Article 37(1) of Regulation (EU) No 323/2015, are fulfilled. A grant will be awarded to the National Statistical Institute which is a public administrative body with a de jure monopoly for all tasks relating to the production and dissemination of statistics for the state.
- (7) Payment of interest due for late payment should be made 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 accordance 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 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<sup>6</sup> applies.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

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

The Decision on the individual support measure for the Republic of Guinea concerning the support programme for the consolidation of the state, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following action:

- Annex: Support programme for the consolidation of the state

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<sup>5</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>6</sup> OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1.

## *Article 2*

### **Financial contribution**

The maximum contribution of the European Union to implementation of the measure referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 30 000 000, to be financed under the European Development Fund.

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

## *Article 3*

### **Implementation methods**

Budget-implementation tasks under indirect management may be delegated to the entity identified in the Annex, subject to conclusion of the relevant agreement.

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.

The authorising officer responsible may award grants without a call for proposals in accordance with Article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

## *Article 4*

### **Non-substantial changes**

Increases or decreases not exceeding 20 % of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, cumulated changes to the appropriations allocated to 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 or objectives of the actions. The use of the contingency reserve shall be taken into account in the ceiling set in this Article. The authorising officer responsible may adopt these non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 11.8.2015

*For the Commission*

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