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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 14 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2018/1877 of 26 November 2018 on the financial regulation applicable to the 11th European Development Fund, and repealing Regulation (EU) 2015/323², and in particular Article 24 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission decision of 27 April 2017 on the adoption of the National Indicative Programme between the European Union and the Central African Republic³ allocates EUR 382 000 000 to the Central African Republic under the multiannual financial framework for the period 2014 to 2020 of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement.
- (2) The situation in the Central African Republic is particularly fragile. After years of violent conflict (2012-2014) and decades of underdevelopment, constitutional order has been restored since 2016, at least in certain parts of the country, helped in part by the United Nations peacekeeping forces (MINUSCA). The Central African Republic remains at the bottom of the human development index (ranked 188 out of 189 countries). Over 60% of the population depend on humanitarian aid and more than 1.2 million people have been displaced.
- (3) After a long period of stagnation, a peace process backed by the African Union culminated in the signing of a peace and reconciliation agreement in Bangui on 6 February 2019. Implementing this agreement poses countless challenges for the government and the country's partners. The political, security, macroeconomic and budgetary difficulties affecting its people's living conditions need to be addressed. The European Union's support therefore needs to be strengthened to enable the State to extend its authority over the country's territory, which is a prerequisite for social stability and economic recovery.
- (4) In accordance with Article 5 of Annex IV to the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000⁴ and amended in Luxembourg on 25 June 2005⁵ and in Ouagadougou

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 307, 3.12.2018, p. 1.

³ Commission decision C(2017)2747 final of 27 April 2017 on the adoption of the National Indicative Programme between the European Union and the Central African Republic.

⁴ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3.

⁵ OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 27.

on 22 June 2010⁶ (hereafter ‘the Cotonou Agreement’), and Articles 6 and 7 of Council Regulation (EU) 2015/322, the Commission has reviewed the National Indicative Programme for the Central African Republic. The conclusion of this review is that the initial sum of EUR 382 000 000 allocated to the National Indicative Programme should be increased by EUR 60 000 000 from the general reserve of the 11th European Development Fund, bringing the total to EUR 442 000 000.

- (5) In the light of the conclusions of this review, an addendum to the National Indicative Programme between the European Union and the Central African Republic, reflecting the abovementioned changes, should be adopted by the Commission on behalf of the European Union.
- (6) The measure provided for in this decision is in accordance with the opinion of the European Development Fund Committee set up by Article 8 of the Internal Agreement⁷.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The indicative allocation earmarked for the Central African Republic by the Commission decision of 27 April 2017 is hereby increased by EUR 60 000 000 from allocation A, referred to in Article 3(2)(a) of Annex IV to the Cotonou Agreement. The total amount is thereby increased to EUR 442 000 000.

Addendum No 1 to the 2014-2020 National Indicative Programme between the Central African Republic and the European Union is hereby adopted on behalf of the European Union. The Addendum is attached to this decision.

The Member of the Commission responsible for development, or the person designated by him for this purpose, is authorised to sign the Addendum to the National Indicative Programme.

⁶ OJ L 487, 4.11.2010, p. 3.

⁷ 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).

Done at Brussels, 8.8.2019

For the Commission
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