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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)¹, and in particular Article 9(3) 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) The Central African Republic has been the scene of tragic events since December 2012, undergoing a humanitarian, political, security and economic crisis, the severe effects of which persisted throughout 2013 and the beginning of 2014. The deployment of international forces (SANGARIS for France, EUFOR-CAR for the EU and now MINUSCA for the UN) have gradually reduced overall insecurity, although they have not completely halted the atrocities perpetrated by various armed groups (ex-Seleka and Anti Balaka) in a situation where the national police and gendarmerie have been completely passive.
- (2) In the current process of transition led by the Head of State of the Transition, Ms Catherine Samba-Panza, priority is placed on restoring peace and security, getting the administration up and running in Bangui and then throughout the country, especially those parts of the administration responsible for collecting revenue, fostering a gradual recovery of economic activity, providing essential social services to the population and completing the process of transition with the holding of free and transparent elections for a return to the normal functioning of democratic institutions.
- (3) In conjunction with aid provided by the countries of the subregion and the international community, in 2014 the EU effectively disbursed budget support of EUR 30 000 000, which helped stabilise the country and ensure the minimal functioning of the state, thanks to the regular payment of civil servants' salaries, pensions and student grants.
- (4) The action entitled 'Support programme for the consolidation of the state – Central African Republic' is designed to foster the transition to development and democratic governance, improve the government's financial capacity to restore peace, revive macroeconomic stability and achieve short and medium-term policy objectives, and to support the government's efforts to restore and preserve the vital functions of the state.

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

- (5) As the exact amount of the 11th EDF allocation for the Central African Republic has not yet been decided, the commitment for this measure will be charged to the B envelope of the 11th EDF.
- (6) A financing decision should therefore be adopted, the procedures for which are set out in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012³, applicable by virtue of Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (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 by 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 applies⁴,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the measure

The decision on the ‘Support programme for the consolidation of the state – Central African Republic’ annexed hereto is hereby adopted.

The measure shall include the following action:

- Annex: Support programme for the consolidation of the state – Central African Republic

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union authorised by this Decision on the implementation of the measure referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 40 000 000, to be financed from the B envelope of the 11th European Development Fund.

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

³ 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).

⁴ OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1.

Article 3

Implementation methods

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 EUR 10 000 000 not exceeding 20 % of the contribution set by Article 2, 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 or objectives of the actions.

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

Done at Brussels, 17.6.2015

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission