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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/759/EU establishing transitional European Development Fund (EDF) management measures (Bridging Facility)¹,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 566/2014 amending Regulation (EC) No 617/2007 as regards the application of the transition period between the 10th EDF and the 11th EDF until the entry into force of the 11th EDF Internal Agreement², and in particular Article 9.3 of its Annex,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 567/2014 amending Regulation (EC) No 215/2008 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the 10th European Development Fund as regards the application of the transition period between the 10th European Development Fund and the 11th European Development Fund until the entry into force of the 11th European Development Fund Internal Agreement,³ and in particular Article 26 of its Annex,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission adopted a Decision for the establishment of the *Bêkou EU Trust Fund* for a duration of 60 months.
- (2) The objectives pursued by this Trust Fund are to prepare the transition from emergency response towards longer-term development assistance through an approach Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development (LRRD). The EU Trust Fund (EUTF) will contribute to the reconstruction of the country, in particular restoring the national and local administrations and the democratic process, reestablishing the economic activities and essential services, stabilizing the country and building the rule of law. The activities will also focus on enabling neighboring countries to overcome the consequences of the crisis in Central African Republic.
- (3) The Bêkou EU Trust Fund is the instrument that prepares the transition from emergency response towards longer-term development assistance; the Bêkou EU Trust Fund objectives are in line with European Development Fund (EDF), in particular in the key area of economic, social and human development. This EUTF is the coherent response instrument avoiding duplication between donors and tackling the objectives in a coordinated manner.
- (4) This Decision complies with the conditions of Article 94 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, applicable by virtue of Article 26 of the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 567/2014.

¹ OJ L 335, 14.12.2013, p. 48

² OJ L 157, 27.5.2014, p. 35

³ OJ L 157, 27.5.2014, p. 52

- (5) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term "non-substantial change" within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer by delegation.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the EDF Committee pursuant to Article 8 of the 10th EDF Internal agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Financial contribution

A financial contribution of the European Union to the Union Trust Fund "Bêkou EU Trust Fund" (hereinafter the "**Trust Fund**") is set at a maximum of EUR 39 000 000 to be financed by the European Development Fund (Bridging Facility).

Article 2

Implementation modalities

The Trust Fund shall implement the contribution either:

- directly (i) by the Commission's departments, including its staff in the Union Delegations under the authority of their respective Head of Delegation, (ii) or through executive agencies;
- or indirectly with third countries or the bodies they have designated, international organisations and their agencies, public law bodies or bodies governed by private law with a public service mission to the extent that the latter provide adequate financial guarantees.

The Constitutive Agreement signed with the donors defines the rules and procedures applying to the management and governance of the Trust Fund.

Article 3

Non-substantial changes

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 of the contribution of the European Union to the Trust Fund, not exceeding 20 % of the contribution referred to in Article 1, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20 % of that contribution shall not be considered substantial, 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,

For the Commission
Andris Piebalgs
Member of the Commission