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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 9(1) 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) By its Decision C(2017)7278 of 27.10.2017 the Commission adopted an individual measure in favour of the Republic of Malawi to be financed from the 11th European Development Fund.
- (2) The above Decision included the action entitled ‘Social Support for Resilience Programme (SoSuRe)’ with a total envisaged contribution of EUR 50 000 000, of which EUR 45 000 000 are financed from the allocation to priority ii), Sustainable Agriculture, of the 11th EDF National Indicative Programme for the period 2014-2020, for co-operation between the European Union and the Republic of Malawi³.
- (3) Since the adoption of the above Decision, the Malawi government has adopted an update of its social cash transfer programme, increasing the amounts of the cash transfers so as to take into account persistent high inflation and a foreseeable increase in the number of beneficiaries following improved targeting methods. In addition, because of the COVID-19 crisis the risk for the beneficiary families to become food insecure is increasing more rapidly. Consequently, the EU contribution will be depleted sooner than anticipated, while government budgets are constrained due to the coinciding health and political crisis.
- (4) Therefore, it is necessary to increase the Union's contribution to this individual measure in favour of the Republic of Malawi with an additional amount of EUR 23 000 000 to be financed from the 11th European Development Fund.
- (5) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU⁴.

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 307, 3.12.2018, p. 1.

³ Commission Decision C(2015)3527 of 28.5.2015 on the adoption of the National Indicative Programme between the European Union and the Republic of Malawi.

⁴ www.sanctionsmap.eu. Note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy, the OJ prevails.

- (6) Therefore, Commission Decision C(2017)7278 of 27.10.2017 should be amended accordingly.
- (7) This amending decision is in accordance with the opinion of the EDF Committee established under Article 8 of the Internal Agreement.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Decision C(2017)7278 of 27.10.2017 on the financing of the individual measure in favour of the Republic of Malawi to be financed from the 11th European Development Fund is amended as follows:

- (1) In Article 2, paragraph 1, the words “EUR 50 000 000” are replaced by the following: “EUR 73 000 000”.
- (2) The Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 13.8.2020

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission