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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002¹, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission adopted the Decision C(2011)8205 on the Annual Action Programme 2011 and 2012 part 1 in favour of the Republic of South Africa on the 15 November 2011, which includes the action called “National Development Policy Support Programme (NDPSP)” for an amount of EUR 250 000 000. The purpose of this action is to contribute to the implementation of the Republic of South Africa's Medium Term Strategic Framework and the accompanying outcomes-based approach, which aim to improve the conditions of life of South Africans and halving poverty and unemployment. Component 2.2 of this action aims at improving financial management at national, provincial and local government levels.
- (2) The increase in resources for this action has become necessary to integrate the contribution from UK-AID - Department for International Development (DFID). DFID additional funding will contribute to the development of improved financial management through enhanced organisational and human capacity. More precisely, the contribution will be added to Component 2.2 "Capacity building for Public Finance Management (PFM)" of the Action.
- (3) The Commission should acknowledge and accept the contribution from other donors in accordance with Article 21(2)(b) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreement, and should decide on the use of such contribution. Where such contribution is not denominated in euro, a reasonable estimate of conversion should be made.
- (4) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the partner country specified in the Annex to this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a financing agreement. In accordance with Article 60(1)(c) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, the authorising officer responsible needs to ensure that measures are taken to supervise and support the implementation of the entrusted tasks. A description of those measures and the entrusted tasks are laid down in the Annex to this Decision.
- (5) Decision C(2011)8205 should therefore be amended accordingly.

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Decision C(2011)8205 is modified as follows:

1. Article 2 is replaced to read as follows:

"The maximum contribution of the European Union to the Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 261 950 000 out of which EUR 260 000 000 to be financed from budget line 21.060200 of the general budget of the European Union for 2011 and 2012 and EUR 1 950 000 to be financed from budget line 21.025108 of the general budget of the European Union for 2017.

The amount referred to in the first paragraph includes contributions from other donors to the general budget of the European Union as assigned revenue as provided for in the action 'National Development Support Programme (NDPSP)'.

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

2. Article 3 is deleted and replaced as follows:

"Article 3

Non-substantial changes

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million not exceeding 20 % of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20 % of that contribution provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions. The use of contingencies shall be taken into account in the ceiling set by this Article.

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

3. Article 5 is added and read as follows:

"Article 5

Methods of implementation

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

The elements required by Article 94(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 are set out in the Annex to this Decision."

4. Annex 1 to Commission Decision C(2011)8205 is modified by the Annex attached to the present Decision.

Done at Brussels, 19.7.2017

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission