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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) and 9(4) 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) On 19 November 2020 the Commission adopted Decision C(2020) 7927 on the financing of the annual action programme for 2020 in favour of Sint Maarten to be financed under the 11th European Development Fund.
- (2) The responsible authorising officer extended the implementation period from 60 to 96 months as a non-substantial change under the flexibility clause of Article 4 of that Decision.
- (3) This was done to allow the former implementing partner, the Government of Sint Maarten, to start implementing the action. In view of the delays, it has been finally decided to make a change in the implementation modality under the current amendment.
- (4) Under the current financing agreement subject to Decision C(2020) 7927, Component 1 was envisaged to be implemented via indirect management with the partner country, with the Government of Sint Maarten acting as the contracting authority for the procurement and grant procedures, whereas the Commission would control ex-ante all the procurement and grant procedures.
- (5) In June 2024, the Government of Sint Maarten officially requested a change of an implementation modality for Component 1 of the action ‘Urban infrastructures rehabilitation – Water and sanitation in Sint Maarten and cross-border cooperation’ to indirect management with an international organisation, with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).
- (6) The Commission services analysed the request from the Government of Sint Maarten and concluded that the requested change positively contributes to achieving the objectives of the action without implying any change further to that in the implementation modality.

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2015/322/oj>.

² OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>.

- (7) Therefore, Decision C(2020) 7927 should be amended accordingly.
- (8) This Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the European Development Fund-Overseas Countries and Territories Committee established under Article 87 of the Council Decision 2013/755/EU,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Annex to Decision C(2020) 7927 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 19.12.2024

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission