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COMMISSION DECISION

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**amending Commission Decision C(2019)8640 of 26.11.2019 on the financing of the
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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 (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) By its Decision C(2019)8640 of 26.11.2019 the Commission has adopted the annual action programme in favour of the Pacific region for 2019. On 11 September 2020, a substantial amendment to Decision C(2019)8640 was adopted by Commission Decision C(2020)6331³ to allow for a *Health Support response to COVID-19 in the Pacific* in line with the 11th EDF Regional Indicative Programme.
- (2) It is now necessary to amend the action entitled ‘Pacific Regional Integration Support Programme’ by replacing the Asian Development Bank, as envisaged entity entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management, by a Pillar Assessed Entity. This replacement is necessary to accelerate the development of digital economies to enhance the socio-economic resilience mitigating the impact of natural disasters and pandemic situations. In addition, the indicative operational implementation period should be extended from 60 to 84 months to accommodate the delay caused by this replacement.
- (3) Therefore, Commission Decision C(2019)8640 of 26.11.2019 should be amended accordingly.
- (4) The amendments provided for in this Decision do not fall in the categories of amendments for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The European Development Fund Committee established under Article 8 of the Internal Agreement should be informed of this amending decision within one month following its adoption.

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 307, 3.12.2018, p. 1.

³ Commission Decision C(2020) 6331 final of 11.9.2020 amending Commission Decision C(2019)8640 of 26.11.2019 on the financing of the annual action programme in favour of the Pacific region for 2019.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Annex I to Commission Decision C(2019)8640 of 26.11.2019 is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 26.10.2022

*For the Commission
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