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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) 2015/323 of 2 March 2015 on the financial regulation applicable to the 11th European Development Fund², and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the National Indicative Programme for the period 2014-2020³, which prioritises good governance as one of the focal areas.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the measure to be financed under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) Internal Agreement⁴ ("Internal Agreement") are to contribute to strengthened democratisation, protection of human rights, access to justice, peaceful coexistence and improved accountability. The specific objective is to improve accountable, responsive, rights-based governance through effective citizen participation coupled with stronger institutions.
- (3) The action entitled "EU Contribution to the Democratic Governance Facility in Uganda – Phase II" will provide support to both state and non-state actors with the aim of strengthening democratic processes that respond to citizens' rights. It will do so by strengthening rule of law and improved access to justice; increasing protection and fulfilment of human rights and gender equality; and by improving citizens' inclusion and engagement in decision-making processes.
- (4) It is necessary to adopt a financing decision, the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁵, applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1

² OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17

³ Commission Decision on the adoption of the National Indicative Programme between the European Union and Uganda C(2014)5516, 7.8.2014 and Corrigendum C(2015) 2513, 20.4.2015

⁴ Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, on the financing of European Union aid under the multiannual financial framework for the period 2014 to 2020, in accordance with the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, and on the allocation of financial assistance for the Overseas Countries and Territories to which Part Four of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union applies (OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1)

⁵ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

- (5) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the entity specified in the Annex to this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a delegation agreement. In accordance with Article 60(1)(c) and (2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, the authorising officer responsible needs to ensure that this entity guarantees a level of protection of the financial interests of the European Union equivalent to that required when the Commission manages European Union funds. This entity complies with the conditions set out in points (a) to (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 60(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and the supervisory and support measures are in place as necessary.
- (6) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 29(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (7) Pursuant to Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, any substantial change to a financing decision that has already been adopted should follow the same procedure as the initial decision. It is therefore appropriate that the Commission defines the changes to this Decision that are considered non-substantial in order to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer responsible.
- (8) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the EDF Committee established under Article 8 of the Internal Agreement.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the measure

The Commission Decision on the individual measure in favour of Uganda to be financed from the 11th European Development Fund, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following action:

- Annex: EU Contribution to the Democratic Governance Facility in Uganda – Phase II

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the measure referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 12 000 000 and shall be financed from the 11th European Development Fund.

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

Article 3

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 applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, are set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 4

Non-substantial changes

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 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, as well as extensions of the implementation period shall not be considered substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

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

Done at Brussels, 26.6.2018

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission