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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

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) In order to ensure the implementation of an individual measure in favour of the Republic of Ghana, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046³, applicable in accordance with Article 24(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1877, establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU⁴.
- (3) The Commission has adopted the National Indicative Programme for Ghana for the period 2014-2020⁵, which sets out the following priorities: Governance: Public sector management and accountability; Productive investment for agriculture in Savannah Ecological Zones; Employment and Social Protection; Measures in favour of civil society and Support measures. The National Indicative Programme is in line with the Government's vision of 'Ghana Beyond Aid'.
- (4) The objectives pursued by the measure to be financed under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) Internal Agreement⁶ (the 'Internal Agreement') are to

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 307, 3.12.2018, p. 1.

³ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

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.

⁵ Commission Decision C(2014)3660 final of 12/06/2014 on the adoption of the National Indicative Programme between the European Union and Ghana.

⁶ 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.

mitigate the macroeconomic impact of the COVID-19 crisis in Ghana by providing economic support to the fiscal measures announced by the Ghanaian authorities.

- (5) The action entitled ‘Emergency EU budget support in response to COVID-19 crisis in Ghana’ will provide EU budget support to the government of Ghana.
- (6) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, applicable in accordance with Articles 24(2) and 25 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1877.
- (7) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the measure, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, applicable in accordance with Article 24(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1877.
- (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
The measure

The decision on the financing of an individual measure in favour of the Republic of Ghana, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following action: ‘Emergency EU budget support in response to COVID-19 crisis in Ghana’, set out in the Annex.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure is set at EUR 87 000 000 and shall be financed from the 11th European Development Fund.

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

Article 3
Flexibility clause

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 changes⁷ 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 for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, applicable in accordance with Article 24(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1877, provided that these changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

⁷ These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph, acting in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 30.7.2020

For the Commission
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