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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(4) 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 Articles 26 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2015)8748 of 10.12.2015 the Commission adopted the Annual Action Programme 2015 in favour of the Kingdom of Lesotho. The Programme included the action entitled "Participatory Initiative for Social Accountability in Lesotho (PISA)", the purpose of which is to contribute to increasing citizens' awareness of governance matters and their capacity to engage in democratic and developmental processes.
- (2) The expected results of the Action are to: 1) Increase awareness, knowledge and skills of citizens in project areas on how to participate in democratic and developmental processes in the country; 2) Strengthen systems for inclusive dialogue formats and community responses of citizens and citizen representatives to improve local service delivery, and 3) Enhance awareness, knowledge and skills of local councillors and chiefs in project areas on how to consult with and represent citizens.
- (3) The increase in resources of the action has become necessary to ensure the sustainability of the action through the establishment of a locally-owned and managed national programme under the existing institutions involved in the action "Participatory Initiative for Social Accountability in Lesotho".
- (4) The Decision C(2015)8748 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (5) In order to ensure the implementation of "Participatory Initiative for Social Accountability in Lesotho (PISA)", it is necessary to adopt a financing decision. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046³ establishes the detailed rules on financing decisions.

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

³ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1–222.

- (6) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU⁴.
- (7) 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:

Sole article

Commission Decision C(2015)8748 of 10.12.2015 on the Annual Action Programme 2015 in favour of the Kingdom of Lesotho to be financed from the 11th European Development Fund is amended as follows:

1) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

"The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 6 000 000 and shall be financed from the 11th European Development Fund."

2) The Annex to Decision C(2015)8748 is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 10.12.2018

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

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.