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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(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) 2015/323, and in particular Article 24 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2015)799 of 17.2.2015, the Commission has adopted the Annual Action Programme 2014 in favour of the Kingdom of Lesotho to be financed from the European Development Fund Bridging Facility, including two actions.
- (2) By its Decisions C(2017)5577 of 3.8.2017², C(2018)5444 of 7.8.2018³ and C(2018)7352 of 28.10.2018⁴, the Commission progressively increased the Union contribution from the original amount of EUR 12 000 000 to the final amount of EUR 25 000 000.
- (3) It is now necessary to increase the Union contribution for the action “Strengthening Governance of Social Protection in Lesotho” (Annex 1) in order to contribute to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis.
- (4) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU⁵.
- (5) Therefore the Decision C(2015)799 of 17.2.2015 should be amended accordingly.
- (6) This amending decision is in accordance with the opinion of the EDF Committee established under Article 8 of the Internal Agreement.

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² Commission Decision C(2017)5577 of 3.8.2017 amending Commission Decision C(2015)799 of 17.2.2015 on the Annual Action Programme 2014 in favour of the Kingdom of Lesotho to be financed from the European Development Fund Bridging Facility

³ Commission Decision C(2018)5444 of 7.8.2018 amending Commission Decision C(2015)799 of 17.2.2015 on the Annual Action Programme 2014 in favour of the Kingdom of Lesotho to be financed from the European Development Fund Bridging Facility

⁴ Commission Decision C(2018)7352 of 28.10.2018 amending Commission Decision C(2015)799 of 17.2.2015 on the Annual Action Programme 2014 in favour of the Kingdom of Lesotho to be financed from the European Development Fund Bridging Facility

⁵ 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.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Decision C(2015)799 of 17.2.2015 on the Annual Action Programme 2014 in favour of the Kingdom of Lesotho to be financed from the European Development Fund Bridging Facility is amended as follows:

– (1) Article 2 is replaced by the following article:

The maximum contribution of the European Union authorised by this decision for the implementation of this programme is set at EUR 30 532 924 to be financed from the European Development Fund Bridging Facility for an amount of EUR 12 000 000 and the 11th European Development Fund for an amount of EUR 18 532 924.

– (2) Annex 1 is replaced by the Annex to this decision.

Done at Brussels, 14.9.2020

For the Commission
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