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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 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund<sup>1</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Articles 26 and 62 thereof.

Whereas:

- (1) The purpose of the action entitled "*Strengthening Governance of Social Protection in Lesotho: building an integrated social protection system*" is to assist the government to prevent and reduce the economic and social vulnerabilities of the most disadvantaged and socially excluded segments of the society.
- (2) The action will establish a social protection system that ensures the most economic and socially vulnerable segments of Lesotho's population are provided with a level of protection that is sustainable and addresses poverty, deprivation, vulnerability and inequality throughout the life course in a comprehensive and holistic manner. It is implemented in indirect management with UNICEF in close partnership with the Ministry of Social Development.
- (3) The increase in resources of the action of EUR 1 600 000 has become necessary to fill the gap between the estimated original budget and the updated cost estimated. The estimate was based on a previous study which underestimated the costs associated to data collection, supervision of enumerators and data analysis as well as costs associated to decentralisation, MIS and technical assistance.
- (4) The Decision C(2015)799 should therefore be amended accordingly;
- (5) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall within the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The EDF Committee established under Article 8 of the Internal Agreement should be informed of this Decision within one month following its adoption.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

The decision C(2015) 799 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 2 is amended to read as follows :

"The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the programme referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 13 600 000 to be financed from the European Development Fund (EUR 12 000 000 from the European Development Fund Bridging Facility and EUR 1 600 000 from the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund.)

(2) Annex 1 is modified by the annex to the present decision.

Done at Brussels, 3.8.2017

*For the Commission*  
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