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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) 2015/323 of 2 March 2015 on the financial regulation applicable to the 11th European Development Fund¹, and in particular Articles 26 and 62 thereof.

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2015)799 of 17.2.2015 the Commission adopted the Annual Action Programme 2014 in favour of the Kingdom of Lesotho. The Programme included the action entitled "Strengthening Governance of Social Protection in Lesotho : Building an Integrated Social Protection System", whose purpose was to assist the local government in preventing and reducing the economic and social vulnerabilities of the most disadvantaged and socially excluded segments of the society.
- (2) By its Decision C(2017)5577 of 3.8.2017 the Commission increased its financial contribution for this action up to EUR 13 600 000 in order to respond urgently to the financing needs of the concerned country.
- (3) During the mid-term review of the Lesotho National Indicative Programme the Commission considered that a supplementary financial contribution of EUR 6 400 000 was necessary in order to fill the gap between the estimated original budget and the updated cost estimation.
- (4) Commission Decision C(2015)799 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (5) 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)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:

"The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the programme referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 20 000 000, to be financed from the European Development Fund Bridging Facility for an amount of EUR 12 000 000 and from the 11th European Development Fund for an amount of EUR 8 000 000."

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

(2) Annex 1 is amended by the annex to this decision.

Done at Brussels, 7.8.2018

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission