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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 Fund (EDF)¹ and in particular Article 9(5) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/323 of 2 March 2015 on Financial Regulation applicable to the 11th European Development Fund², and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the National Indicative Programme for Liberia for the period 2014-2020³, which provides for the following priorities: (1) good governance; (2) education; (3) energy; (4) agriculture and forestry; as well as measures in support of civil society and support measures.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the measure to be financed under the 11th EDF are to facilitate and support the cooperation between the EU and Liberia, notably the successful implementation of programmes and projects under the 11th EDF National Indicative Programme (NIP) through: (1) Technical Assistance Facility; (2) Training Support for Projects and Programmes; (3) Conferences and Seminars.
- (3) The overarching objective of the Action entitled "11th EDF Technical Cooperation Facility for Liberia" is to facilitate and support the cooperation between the EU and Liberia, notably the successful implementation of programmes and projects under the 11th EDF NIP. It will be implemented through three components: (1) Technical Assistance in the form of short- to medium-term consultancies to assist in the effective implementation of EU programmes in support of the Agenda for Transformation; (2) capacity development interventions; (3) general short-term training activities for ACP officials and/or non-state actors and participation by ACP officials and non-state actors in international meetings or seminars.
- (4) It is necessary to adopt a financing decision the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁴ applicable by virtue of Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (5) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the partner country specified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

³ C(2015)1267 of 26.2.2015.

⁴ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

of a financing agreement. In accordance with Article 60(1)(c) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 applicable by virtue of Articles 17 and 2(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, the authorising officer responsible needs to ensure that measures are taken to supervise and support the implementation of the entrusted tasks. A description of these measures and the entrusted tasks are laid down in the Annex to this Decision.

- (6) It is necessary to allow the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, applicable by virtue of Article 29(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (7) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall in the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The EDF Committee set up by Article 8 of the 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 applies⁵, should be informed of this Decision within one month following its adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the measure

The support measure in favour of Liberia, as set out in the Annex, is approved.

The measure shall include the following action:

- Annex: 11th EDF Technical Cooperation Facility for Liberia

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the measure referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 2 000 000 and shall be financed from the 11th European Development Fund.

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

Article 3

Implementation modalities

Budget-implementation tasks under indirect management may be entrusted to the entity identified in the attached Annex, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreement.

The section “Implementation” of the Annex to this Decision sets out the elements required by Article 94(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

⁵ OJ L 210, 06.08.2013, p. 1.

Done at Brussels, 13.5.2015

For the Commission
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Commissioner