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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, and in particular Article 9 (1) 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, and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the National Indicative Programme for Liberia for the period 2014-2020<sup>1</sup>, which provides for the following priority: good governance.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the measure to be financed under the 11<sup>th</sup> EDF<sup>2</sup> are to Support to the Liberian Electoral cycle. The specific objective is to increase ability of the National Electoral Commission (NEC) and the other electoral stakeholders to conduct their core activities in an impartial, transparent and sustainable manner. To achieve this specific objective, the programme will consist of four components: (1) Enhance professionalism and strengthen capacity of electoral administrators at all levels (2) Support NEC and core electoral stakeholders to plan and carry out scheduled electoral processes within the electoral cycle 2015-2018; (3) Election specific support and (4) Support donor coordination. The action will be implemented in indirect management with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- (3) 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 1268/2012<sup>3</sup> applicable by virtue of Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (4) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the entities specified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a delegation agreement. In accordance with Article 60(1) and (2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, the authorising officer responsible needs to ensure that these

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<sup>1</sup> C(2015)1267 of 26.2.2015.

<sup>2</sup> 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 OCTs to which Part Four of the Treaty Functioning of the European Union applies, OJ L 210, 6.8.2013;

<sup>3</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation 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).

entities guarantee a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union equivalent to that required when the Commission manages Union funds. These entities comply with the conditions of points (a) to (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 60(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and the supervisory and support measures are in place as necessary.

- (5) 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.
- (6) Pursuant to Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, the Commission should define changes to this Decision which are not substantial in order to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer responsible.
- (7) The measure provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European Development Fund 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 OCTs to which Part Four of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union applies<sup>4</sup>,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

##### **Adoption of the measure**

The individual measure in favour of Liberia to be financed from the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund, as set out in the Annex, is approved.

The measure shall include the following action:

- Annex: Support to the Liberian Electoral cycle

#### *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 10 000 000 and shall be financed from the 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.

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<sup>4</sup> OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1

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.

*Article 4*

**Non-substantial changes**

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million not exceeding 20 % of the contribution set by the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20 % of that contribution as well as extensions of the implementation period shall not be considered substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions. The authorising officer responsible may adopt such non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 18.6.2015

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*