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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 Fund¹ (EDF), 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 11th European Development Fund², and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the National Indicative Programme for Mauritania³ for 2014-2020⁴, point 1.2 of which sets out the following priorities: governance, health, food and nutrition security, sustainable agriculture and water.
- (2) The measure financed under the 11th EDF⁵ is designed to increase the resilience of vulnerable population groups to food and nutrition insecurity, in particular by bringing the organisational structures of the various stakeholders up to standard.
- (3) The measure entitled ‘Institutional capacity-building in Mauritania with a view to agricultural and pastoral resilience (RIMRAP)’ aims to strengthen governance in terms of equitable access to and sustainable management of resources in the context of climate change. The expected results of the programme can be divided into three main areas: (i) strengthened technical, organisational and institutional capacities of the sector’s public and private stakeholders; (ii) improved governance of access to natural resources for rural communities; and (iii) strengthened and improved coordination of the IT systems related to agropastoral production and food and nutrition security. It will be implemented both through indirect management with the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) and the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), and through indirect management with Mauritania.

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

³ Decision C(2014) 3644.

⁴ Decision C(2014) 3644.

⁵ 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 on the Functioning of the European Union applies, OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1.

- (4) A financing decision should be adopted, the details of which are set out in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁶, applicable by virtue of Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (5) A work programme should be adopted for grants, the details of which are set out in Article 128(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and in Article 188(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012. The work programme can be found in the Annex (section 4.3.3).
- (6) The Commission should delegate budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the entities identified 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 must ensure that these 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 laid down in points (a) to (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 60(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and the necessary supervisory and support measures are in place.
- (7) The Commission should delegate budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the partner country specified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion 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 must ensure that measures are taken to supervise and support implementation of the delegated tasks. Those measures and delegated tasks are described in the Annex to this Decision.
- (8) Payment of interest due for late payment should be made 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.
- (9) In accordance with Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, the Commission is required to define the meaning of 'non-substantial changes to this Decision' to ensure that any such changes may be adopted by the authorising officer responsible.
- (10) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the European Development Fund Committee set up under 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 on the functioning of the European Union applies⁷,

⁶ 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).

⁷ OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the measure

The Decision on the individual measure for the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to be financed under the 11th European Development Fund, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following action:

- Annex: Institutional capacity building in Mauritania with a view to agricultural and pastoral resilience (RIMRAP).

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 25 000 000, to be financed under 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 methods

Budget-implementation tasks under indirect management may be delegated to the entities identified in the Annex, subject to conclusion of the relevant agreements.

The ‘Implementation’ section 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 10 000 000 not exceeding 20 % of the contribution set by the first paragraph of Article 2, cumulated changes to the allocations of specific measures not exceeding 20 % of that contribution, or 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 or objectives of the actions. The use of the contingency reserve shall be taken into account in the ceiling set in this Article. The responsible authorising officer may adopt these non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 7.10.2015

For the Commission

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