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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, and in particular Article 9 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 multiannual indicative programme for the Islamic Republic of Mauritania³, point 5 of which provides for the following cross-cutting support measures: 1) support to the national authorising officer; 2) assistance with the programming, preparation and implementation of the 11th EDF; and 3) support for the reform of public finances.
- (2) The measure financed under the 11th EDF⁴ seeks to strengthen good governance in Mauritania, thereby contributing to development goals.
- (3) The action entitled 'Support programme for the implementation of the 11th EDF (PAMO FED 11)' aims 1) to improve the Mauritanian administration's ability to carry out development aid management duties in order to maximise the effectiveness of donor funds and achieve the goals of the policies to combat poverty; 2) to improve the quality of EU operations funded by the 10th and 11th EDFs; and 3) to strengthen the public-finance management system for effective public service delivery in the fight against poverty. The measures proposed will help in the transition towards more comprehensive support for the EDF authorisation and public-finance management system.
- (4) A financing decision should be adopted, the details of which are set out in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁵, applicable by virtue of Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

³ Decision C(2014) 3644.

⁴ 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).

- (5) The Commission should delegate 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 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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.
- (9) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the European Development Fund Committee set up by Article 8 of the Internal Agreement,

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: Support Programme for the Implementation of the 11th EDF (PAMO FED 11)

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 12 000 000, to be financed under the 11th European Development Fund.

⁵ 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).

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 authorising officer responsible may adopt these non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 9.12.2015

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission