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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(1) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2018/1877 of 26 November 2018 on the financial regulation applicable to the 11th European Development Fund, and repealing Regulation (EU) 2015/323², and in particular Article 24 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2018)8738 of 10.12.2018 the Commission has adopted the Annual Action Programme 2018 – Part 4 in favour of Intra-Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) cooperation financed from the 11th European Development Fund, which includes the action entitled "Support Programme for ACP Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Coastal Countries".
- (2) This action of the Decision is detailed in its Annex 8 and divided into regional components.
- (3) After unsuccessful contract negotiations with pre-identified implementing partners of the action in the South East Africa region, the implementation modality will be changed from direct to indirect management in this region and a contribution agreement with the Agence Française de Développement will be signed. In addition, the operational implementation period will be extended by 24 months and the funds in the indicative budget re-allocated.
- (4) Therefore, the Annex 8 of the Commission Decision C(2018)8738 of 10.12.2018 should be amended accordingly and replaced by the Annex to the present Decision.
- (5) The actions provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the EDF Committee established under Article 8 of the Internal Agreement³,

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 307, 3.12.2018, p. 1.

³ 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 L210, 6.8.2013, p. 1).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Annex 8 to the Commission Decision C(2018)8738 of 10.12.2018 is replaced by the Annex to the present Decision.

Done at Brussels, 16.8.2023

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission