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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<sup>1</sup>, 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<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund (EDF) National Indicative Programme for the period 2014-2020<sup>3</sup> for co-operation between the Republic of Mozambique and the European Union, point 3.1 of which provides as priority good governance and development.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme to be financed under the 11<sup>th</sup> EDF Internal Agreement<sup>4</sup> ('Internal Agreement') are to contribute to poverty eradication, sustainable and inclusive growth and consolidation of democracy, complemented by actions aiming at supporting or accompanying the programming, preparation or implementation of actions and strengthening the institutional capacities of the National Authorising Officer.
- (3) The action entitled 'Good Governance and Development Contract for the Republic of Mozambique' aims to contribute to poverty alleviation, sustainable and inclusive growth and consolidation of democracy; more specifically to improve cross-cutting service delivery aspects; address constraints on sustainable and inclusive growth; strengthen core government systems and supporting broader reforms; foster domestic accountability and strengthen national control mechanisms. The action will be implemented via budget support by transferring EUR 200 000 000 over the period 2016-2019, accompanied by a continued political dialogue with the Government; a continued effort to reinforce the Government's capacities in the area of Public Financial Management; a continued donor coordination; and a regular monitoring of the budget support eligibility criteria.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

<sup>3</sup> Commission Decision of 28 August 2015 on the adoption of the National Indicative Programme between the European Union and the Republic of Mozambique (C(2015)5996 final of 28.8.2015).

<sup>4</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 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) The action entitled ‘Support Measures for management of EU Resources’ aims to support the Government’s development strategy through the implementation of sound development programmes and policies and to foster a more coherent and informed approach to policy dialogue and to development cooperation. The action has two components: a Technical Cooperation Facility to provide flexibility in responding to different needs related to short term technical assistance, organisation of seminars/trainings/conferences; and a Support to the National Authorising Officer to assist in programming, identification, implementation, communication, monitoring and evaluations of EU programmes, including the coordination of development assistance.
- (5) 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>5</sup>, applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (6) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the Government of Mozambique, subject to the conclusion of a financing agreement. In accordance with Article 60(1)(c) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 17 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 Annex 2 to this Decision.
- (7) 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 in accordance with Article 29(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (8) 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.
- (9) The measures 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.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

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

The Annual Action Programme 2015 in favour of the Republic of Mozambique to be financed from the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund, as set out in the Annexes, is approved.

The programme shall include the following actions:

- Annex 1: Good Governance and Development Contract for the Republic of Mozambique;
- Annex 2: Support Measures for management of EU Resources.

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<sup>5</sup> 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).

*Article 2*

**Financial contribution**

The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the programme referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 207 500 000 and shall be financed from the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Annex 2, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreement.

The elements required by Article 94(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, applicable in accordance with Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, are set out in the Annexes.

*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, applicable in accordance with Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions. The use of contingencies shall be taken into account in the ceiling set by this Article.

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

Done at Brussels, 15.12.2015

*For the Commission*  
*Federica MOGHERINI*  
*Vice-President*