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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 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 National Indicative Programme (2014-2020)<sup>3</sup> for Mozambique which prioritises good governance and development, as well as rural development.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the measure to be financed under the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund (EDF) Internal Agreement ("Internal Agreement")<sup>4</sup> 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 (NAO).
- (3) The action entitled "Support to Consolidation of Democracy in Mozambique" aims to contribute to the consolidation of democracy by supporting the fairness, transparency and credibility of the electoral processes and strengthening the capacities of the elected representatives and democratic institutions. Interventions planned foresee a focus on the gender dimension. Five components are proposed: 1) Domestic observation. The programme will support national/local organisations active in electoral observation. 2) Civic/voter education. The programme proposes to fund activities planned by the Electoral Management Bodies and civil society associations to foster citizens' participation, particularly women's inclusion and inclusion of gender issues in the political parties' programmes. 3) Electoral legislation reform. The programme will provide technical assistance and mechanisms to support the reform. 4) Capacity building of newly elected representatives and their institutions/bodies. This component will reinforce the capacities of the newly elected Members of Parliament (MPs) at

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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> C(2015) 5996 of 28.08.2015.

<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 OCTs to which Part Four of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union applies (OJ L 210, 6.8.2013);

central, provincial and municipal level and will reinforce the capacities of the institutions/bodies giving support to the elected MPs; 5) Horizontal support facility component. The action will be implemented in direct management and in indirect management with the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA).

- (4) 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.
- (5) The envisaged assistance to Mozambique is deemed to strictly follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures concerning the said country.
- (6) The Commission should acknowledge and accept the contribution from other donors in accordance with Article 9(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreement, and should decide on the use of such contribution. Where such contribution is not denominated in euro, a reasonable estimate of conversion should be made.
- (7) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the entity specified in the Annex to this Decision, subject to the conclusion of delegation agreements. In accordance with Article 60(1)(c) and (2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 EDF, applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, the authorising officer responsible needs to ensure that this entity guarantees a level of protection of the financial interests of the European Union equivalent to that required when the Commission manages European Union funds. This entity complies with the conditions set out in 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.
- (8) 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 2(1) and Article 29(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (9) Pursuant to Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, any substantial change to a financing decision that has already been adopted should follow the same procedure as the initial decision. It is therefore appropriate that the Commission defines the changes to this Decision that are considered non-substantial in order to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer responsible.
- (10) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the EDF Committee established under Article 8 of the Internal Agreement.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

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

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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 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 Commission Decision on the individual measure in favour of the Republic of Mozambique to be financed from the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following action:

Annex : "Support to Consolidation of Democracy in Mozambique"

#### *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 8 000 000 and shall be financed from the European Development Fund.

The amount referred to in the first paragraph includes contributions from other donors to the European Development Fund as assigned revenue as provided for in action "Support to Consolidation of Democracy in Mozambique".

The financial contribution provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

#### *Article 3*

##### **Methods of implementation**

Budget-implementation tasks under indirect management may be entrusted to the entity identified in the Annex, 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 2(1) and Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, are set out in the Annex to this Decision.

#### *Article 4*

##### **Non-substantial changes**

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 not exceeding 20 % of the contribution set in 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 2(1) and 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, 7.8.2018

*For the Commission*  
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