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#### THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement signed in Cotonou on 23 June  $2000^1$ , as first amended in Luxembourg on 25 June  $2005^2$  and as amended for the second time in Ouagadougou on 22 June  $2010^3$ , and in particular Article 72 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 617/2007 of 14 May 2007 on the implementation of the 10th European Development Fund under the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement<sup>4</sup>, and in particular Articles 5(4) and 8 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision C(2013) 5809, adopted on 13 September 2013, provides for the funding of transitional activities in Mali from the 10th European Development Fund for a total amount of EUR 23 226 215, for a period of 12 months starting on 1 July 2013.
- (2) The purpose of the Commission Decision above is to maintain access to basic services during the transitional period until the government of Mali restores public services, so activities need to be implemented for a sufficient length of time.
- (3) Mali has seen progress on the political front, but serious security issues are restricting the return of specialist State personnel and making it impossible at this stage to develop structural measures with the Malian Government in the sectors previously agreed (health, water and social protection).
- (4) The potential activities, which fall under the heading of LRRD (Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development) measures, will most likely have to be put off until early 2014 and will then be implemented over a period of 12 months.
- (5) The implementation period of Decision C(2013) 5809 should therefore be extended by 12 months in order to guarantee the impact of the planned activities.
- (6) The Commission will inform the EDF Committee within one month of the adoption of this Decision in accordance with Article 8 of Council Regulation (EC) No 617/2007.
- (7) In view of the foregoing, Decision C(2013) 5809 should be amended,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OJ L 317,15.12.2000, p. 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 27. <sup>3</sup> OJ L 287, 4 11 2010, p. 3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> OJ L 287, 4.11.2010, p. 3. <sup>4</sup> OJ L 152, 13.6 2007, p. 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> OJ L 152, 13.6.2007, p. 1.

## HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

## Sole Article

## Decision C(2013) 5809 is amended as follows:

1. Article 2(1) is replaced by the following:

'1. The implementation period for the activities financed under this Decision shall start on 1 July 2013 and run for 24 months. Eligible expenditure shall be committed during the implementation period of the Decision.'

Done at Brussels, 3.3.2014

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