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COMMISSION DECISION

of

26 November 2009

on the Annual Action Programme 2009 in favour of Malawi to be financed from the 10th European Development Fund

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000¹, revised by the Agreement of 25 June 2005² signed in Luxemburg, and in particular Article 34 of Annex IV thereof,

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EC) No 617/2007 of 14 May 2007 on the implementation of the 10th European Development Fund under the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement³, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 215/2008 of 18 February 2008 on Financial Regulation applicable to the 10th European Development Fund⁴ and in particular Article 21 (a), 22, 23 and 29 (1) (a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for Malawi and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2008-2013⁵, points 1.3 and 1.5 of which provide for the following priorities: assist Malawi reduce poverty and hunger in an environmentally sustainable manner; and assist Malawi in the reduction of poverty via the complementing operations envisaged in the main GoM and EC funded programmes.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme are:
 - To achieve a sustainable improvement of livelihoods of rural communities through diversifying farmers' incomes – FIDP Phase II;
 - To contribute to increased household income and improved food security in areas of intervention through more sustainable management of natural resources – IFMSL Phase II;
 - To reduce poverty in Malawi through the strengthened involvement of its Government in the identification and implementation of EC financed programmes – NAO-SU Project.

¹ OJEU L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3

² OJEU L 287, 28.10.2005, p. 5

³ OJEU L 152, 13.6.2007, p. 1

⁴ OJEU L 78, 19.03.2008, p. 1

⁵ C(2007)5732, 28.11.2007

- (3) The measures covered by this Decision are in conformity with the objectives of development finance co-operation as defined in Article 55 of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement.
- (4) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 16 of Annex IV to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement and Article 67 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the 10th European Development Fund.
- (5) It is appropriate to define the term “substantial change” within the meaning of Article 7 of Regulation (EC) N° 617/2007 to ensure that any substantial change in this decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial decision.
- (6) 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 of 17 July 2006.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annual Action Programme in favour of Malawi constituted by the actions "Farm Income Diversification Programme Phase II", "Improved Forest Management for Sustainable Livelihoods" and "Capacity Development for the National Authorising Officer Support Unit in the Ministry of Finance", the texts of which are set out in the attached Annexes, is approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the Community to the Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 37,000,000, to be financed from the 10th European Development Fund.

Article 3

Within the global indicative budget of all the specific actions, cumulated changes not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the Community shall not be considered substantial provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the Annual Action Programme.

The authorising officer may amend the present Decision to introduce non-substantial changes in the Annual Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 26.11.09

For the Commission

Member of the Commission

"ANNEXES

Annual Action Programme Malawi:

Annex 1: action fiche Farm Income Diversification Programme – Phase II

Annex 2: action fiche Improved Forest Management for Sustainable Livelihoods – Phase II

Annex 3: action fiche Capacity Development for National Authorising Officer Support Unit in the Ministry of Finance"