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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) No 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) No 2015/323 of 2 March 2015 on the financial regulation applicable to the 11th European Development Fund², and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the National Indicative Programme for Nauru for the period 2014 to 2020³, which provides for the following priorities: improve social and economic development, reduce poverty and contribute to a sustainable low carbon development while increasing resilience to climate change.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the annual action programme to be financed under the 11th European Development Fund Internal Agreement ('Internal Agreement')⁴ are improvements in energy efficiency and promotion of renewables to contribute to the country's shift to a low carbon economy.
- (3) The action entitled "*Support to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in the Republic of Nauru*" will specially focus on the reliability of the power supply through improvements in the efficiency of generation equipment and promotion of renewables.
- (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 1268/2012⁵ applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 2015/323.
- (5) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the partner country specified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a financing agreement. In accordance with point (c) of Article 60(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

³ C(2014)5994 of 29/08/2014

⁴ 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 EC Treaty applies, OJ L 210, 6.8.2013. p.1

⁵ 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).

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 those measures and the entrusted tasks are laid down in the Annex to this Decision.

- (6) 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) No 2015/323.
- (7) 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, 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.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the EDF Committee set up by Article 8 of the Internal Agreement.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the programme

The annual action Programme *Support to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in the Republic of Nauru*, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The programme shall include the following actions: "Energy efficiency and renewable energy" and "support measures".

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 2 400 000 and shall be financed from the 11th 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 the Annex, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreements.

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.

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

Done at Brussels, 30.9.2016

For the Commission
Stefano Manservigi Director General