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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) 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 11th European Development Fund National Indicative Programme (NIP) 2014 – 2020 for co-operation between the Republic of Namibia and the European Union³, of which points 1.2 and 3 provide for two focal sectors: (i) Education and Skills and (ii) Agriculture.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme to be financed under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) Internal Agreement⁴ ('Internal Agreement') are to: i) to promote the entrepreneurship and enhance the livelihood of Namibia's northern communal areas (NCAs) livestock farming communities in a sustainable way; ii) to contribute to the achievement of national development goals for education and skills and rural development.
- (3) The action entitled "Support to the Livestock sector in the Northern Communal Areas of Namibia" aims to improve the performance of the livestock value chain in the NCAs with a focus on three result areas: i) improvement of livestock production systems and resilience to climate change; ii) promotion of access of livestock farmers to domestic, regional and international markets; iii) enhanced implementation of animal disease management and eradication strategies. The action will be implemented in indirect management with the Republic of Namibia.
- (4) The action entitled "Enhancing Participatory Democracy in Namibia" aims to enhance participatory democracy in Namibia. The action will support the achievement of the

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

³ Commission Decision on the adoption of the National Indicative Programme between the European Union and the Republic of Namibia C(2014)7781 of 30.10.2014..

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 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).

following result: i) Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) have increased capacity to interact and cooperate with Parliament in the national development process; ii) CSOs involvement in policy implementation in the education and skills and in the rural development sectors delivers improved outputs. The action will be implemented in indirect management with the Republic of Namibia.

- (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 1268/2012⁵ 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 "Republic of Namibia", 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) No 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 Annexes 1 and 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, applicable in accordance with 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.
- (9) 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 measure

The Annual Action Programme 2016 in favour of the Republic of Namibia to be financed from the 11th European Development Fund, as set out in the Annexes, is approved.

The programme shall include the following action:

- Annex 1: Support to the Livestock sector in the Northern Communal Areas of Namibia
- Annex 2: Enhancing Participatory Democracy in Namibia

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 26 000 000 and shall be financed from the 11th EDF.

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).

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 Annexes 1 and 2, 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 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323 are set out in the Annexes.

Article 4

Non-substantial changes

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 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, 31.10.2016

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission