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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action¹,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002², and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Multi-Annual Indicative Programme for El Salvador for the period 2014-2020³, point 3.1 of which provides for the following priority: "to support the implementation of inclusive and public policies mainly those targeting the youth and other vulnerable population groups".
- (2) The objective pursued by the Annual Action Programme to be financed under the Development Cooperation Instrument⁴ is to contribute to the reduction of social exclusion in El Salvador. More specifically, our support aims to help reduce the incidence of extreme poverty; increase the productive inclusion of women and youth; and strengthen the coordination and efficiency of the public institutions involved in the implementation and oversight of the country's social policy.
- (3) Action entitled "*Apoyo al Plan Social 2014-2019 de El Salvador*" consists of a Sector Reform Contract (budget support) to further the consolidation of El Salvador's social policy, in order to contribute to the eradication of extreme poverty and exclusion. To this end it will support the sector's single planning and monitoring instrument of the country, namely the Plan Social 2014-2019. In line with the priority of the Multi-Annual Indicative Programme, referred to in Recital 2, special attention will be given to the performance of selected indicators to guide variable tranches disbursements of the programme. Indicators are linked to three key initiatives contained in the Plan Social, dealing respectively with poverty eradication, youth employment, and women's rights and economic empowerment. Complementary support to improve the action's impact will consist of Technical Assistance (provided through a service contract) to reinforce Government's capacities related to the implementation of the Plan Social and its programmes, and the provision of grants to local civil society organisations so they

¹ OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ C(2014) 5597

⁴ Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44).

can effectively engage in the public oversight/control mechanisms foreseen by the Plan. Grants will be awarded through a call for proposals.

- (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.
- (5) It is necessary to adopt a work programme for grants the detailed rules on which are set out in Article 128(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and in Article 188(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012. The work programme is constituted by the Annex (section 5.4.1).
- (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.
- (7) Pursuant to Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, 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 measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Development Cooperation Instrument Committee set up by Article 19 of the financing instrument referred to in Recital 2.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the measure

The Annual Action Programme 2016, as set out in the Annex, is approved.

The programme shall include the following action:

Annex : "Apoyo al Plan Social 2014-2019 de El Salvador".

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 50 000 000 and shall be financed from budget line 21 02 01 of the general budget of the Union for 2016.

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

Article 3

Implementation modalities

The section "Implementation" of the Annex to this Decision sets out the elements required by Article 94(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

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).

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, 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, 13.12.2016

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission