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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 2015/323 of 2 March 2015 on the financial regulation applicable to the 11th European Development Fund,

Whereas:

(1) The Commission has adopted the National Indicative Programme for Guyana for the period 2014-2020 which provides for the following priorities: Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Technical Cooperation Facility and Support Services to the National Authorising Officer.

(2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme to be financed under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF)1 are to support climate change adaptation through an Integrated Coastal Zone Management approach and to ensure the efficient and effective utilisation of EU development assistance in support of the implementation of Guyana's development strategies and policies through the Technical Cooperation Facility.

(3) Action entitled: Integrated Coastal Zone Management, aims at enhancing Guyana's disaster risk management and resilience to flooding through integrated coastal zone management, including sea and river defences, drainage and mangrove regeneration, with benefits to the population and economic activity in low-lying parts of the coastal regions, as well as promoting gender equality in the sea and river defence sector through support measures in alignment with the EU's Gender Action Plan 2016-2020.

(4) Action entitled - Technical Cooperation Facility and Support Services to the National Authorising Officer aims at strengthening the implementation and management capacities of the National Authorising Officer, preparing future programmes to be financed under the European Development Fund and other EU-funded programmes, developing policies, documents and guidelines in support of national development issues related to EU cooperation and increasing the visibility of Guyana-EU cooperation.

1 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;
(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 1268/2012\(^2\) applicable by virtue of Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 2015/323.

(6) 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 Annexes 1 and 2, section 5.

(7) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to Guyana specified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a financing agreement. In accordance with Article 60(1)(c) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 applicable by virtue of Articles 17 and 2(1) 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.

(8) 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 by virtue of Articles 29(1) of Regulation (EU) No 323/2015.

(9) 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.

(10) 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 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 EC Treaty applies\(^3\).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the measure

The Annual Action Programme 2016 in favour of Guyana to be financed from the 11\(^{th}\) European Development Fund as set out in the Annexes is approved.

The programme shall include the following actions:

– Annex 1: Integrated Coastal Zone Management

– Annex 2: Technical Cooperation Facility and Support Services to the National Authorising Officer


\(^3\) OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1
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 34 000 000 and shall be financed from the European Development Fund.

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 Annexes 1 and 2 to this Decision sets out the elements required by Article 94(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

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, 30.11.2016

For the Commission
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