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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) 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 National Indicative Programme for the period 2014-2020³, point 1.1 "Strategic objectives of the EU's relationship with the partner country" of which prioritises: the EU will promote pro-poor, inclusive and sustainable growth in Tanzania, in coherence with the agenda for Change⁴ and with the country's national development strategies.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme to be financed under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) Internal Agreement⁵ ("Internal Agreement") are to foster inclusive development and employment creation, in particular for the youth, address vulnerability to climate change and food nutrition, promote the role of the private sector, reduce gender inequality and, overall, stimulate prosperity through: 1) more effective anti-corruption institutions and increased access to justice, 2) the development of energy efficient infrastructures and clean energy technology, and 3) the promotion of productivity and competitiveness of the agricultural sector.
- (3) The action entitled "*Improving accountability through fighting corruption and increased access to justice (IMPACT)*" aims at developing more effective anti-corruption institutions and increased access to justice. The action will be implemented in indirect management with DANIDA (Denmark's development cooperation), with the Department for International Development (DFID) and with the partner country.

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 United Republic of Tanzania C(2014) 3474 of 2.06.2014.

⁴ COM(2011) 637 of 13.10.2017

⁵ 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).

- (4) The action entitled "*Implementation of the Tanzanian Energy Efficiency Action Plan*" aims at creating new framework conditions for Energy Efficiency actions resulting in quantifiable energy savings. The action will be implemented in indirect management with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ).
- (5) The action entitled "*Agri-Connect Supporting value chains for shared prosperity*" aims at promoting productivity and competitiveness of the agricultural sector, focusing on the horticulture, coffee, and tea value chains. The action will be implemented in direct management through Budget Support, and in indirect management with the partner country and in indirect management by entities to be indicated in complementary financing decisions to be adopted at the end of the Regional Blending Facility award procedure.
- (6) 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 1268/2012⁶, applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (7) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the entities specified in Annexes 1 and 2 to this Decision, subject to the conclusion of delegation agreements. In accordance with Article 60(1)(c) and (2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323, the authorising officer responsible needs to ensure that these entities guarantee a level of protection of the financial interests of the European Union equivalent to that required when the Commission manages European Union funds. These entities comply with the conditions set out in points (a) to (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 60(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and the supervisory and support measures are in place as necessary.
- (8) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the partner country specified in Annexes 1 and 3 to this Decision, subject to the conclusion of financing agreements. 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) 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 Annexes 1 and 3 to this Decision.
- (9) It is necessary to allow for 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) 2015/323.
- (10) 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, any substantial change to a financing decision that has already been adopted should follow the same procedure as the initial decision. It is therefore appropriate that the Commission defines the changes to this Decision that are considered non-substantial in order to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer responsible.

⁶ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 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).

- (11) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the EDF Committee established under Article 8 of the Internal Agreement.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the programme

The Commission Decision on the Annual Action Programme 2017 in favour of the United Republic of Tanzania to be financed from the 11th European Development Fund, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The programme shall include the following actions.

- Annex 1: *Improving accountability through fighting corruption and increased access to justice (IMPACT)*
- Annex 2: *Implementation of the Tanzanian Energy Efficiency Action Plan*
- Annex 3: *Agri-Connect: Supporting value chains for shared prosperity*

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 123 000 000 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

Methods of implementation

Budget-implementation tasks under indirect management may be entrusted to the entities identified in Annexes 1, 2 and 3, 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 Annexes to this Decision.

Article 4

Non-substantial changes

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 not exceeding 20 % of the contribution set in 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 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, 24.11.2017

For the Commission
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