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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) No 236/2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union’s instruments for financing external action (hereinafter referred to as ‘Common Implementing Regulation’), and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,


Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and in particular Articles 92 and 111 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Commission has adopted on 26 September 2014 the Programming Document for Sustainable Development of Greenland for the period 2014-2020\(^1\) where education is identified as focal sector for cooperation,

(2) The objective pursued by the Individual Measure for 2016 in favour of the Sustainable Development of Greenland is to support the education sector in Greenland, with the aim of contributing to a higher standard of living and quality of life through development of better education and vocational training. The individual measure is to be implemented pursuant to Article 2(1) of the Common Implementing Regulation, which is applicable by virtue of Article 5 of Council Decision 2014/137/EU of 14 March 2014 on relations between the European Union on the one hand, and Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other (hereinafter referred to as ‘Greenland Decision’),

(3) The action entitled ‘Support to the Greenland Education Programme phase 2’ aims to reduce the inequality in education by ensuring a well-functioning pre-school and elementary school system, no matter where the children live; increase the quality of the education system with special emphasis on pre-school and elementary school and increased share of educated personnel in the system; increase the efficiency in the education system through reduced drop-out between stages in the system, increased completion in the post-elementary education system and a decrease in the time spent

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in the education system before graduation. The action will be implemented as sector budget support.

(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 1268/2012.\(^2\)

(5) 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.

(6) 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.

(7) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Greenland Committee set up by the Greenland Decision,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1**

Adoption of the measure

The 2016 Individual Measure in favour of the Sustainable Development of Greenland to be financed from the general budget of the Union, as set out in the Annex, is approved.

The measure shall include the following action:

Support to Greenland Education Programme Phase 2 – 2016

**Article 2**

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the individual measure referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 31,130,000. The amount of EUR 31,130,000 for 2016 shall be financed from budget line 21 07 01 of the general budget of the European 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 No 5 entitled “Implementation” of the Annex 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 referred to 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

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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 apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 9.6.2016

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission