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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) No 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 Commonwealth of Dominica³ for the period 2014-2020, points 6.1 and 6.2 of which provides for the following priorities: Measures to support or accompany the programming, preparation or implementation of actions, and Support to the National Authorizing Officer.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the measure to be financed under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) Internal Agreement ('Internal Agreement')⁴ are to ensure the efficient and effective utilisation of EU development assistance in support of the implementation of the Government's development strategies and policies.
- (3) Action entitled "Technical Cooperation Facility and Support Services to the National Authorising Officer – Dominica" aims to improve the design and implementation of development programmes and projects by line ministries; and to improve the formulation, implementation, monitoring and administration of EU programmes by the Office of the National Authorising Officer (ONAO). It will be implemented through programme estimates, an operating grant and procurement.
- (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 applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p.1.

² OJ L58, 3.3.2015, p.17.

³ Decision C(2014)3723, 2.09.2014.

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 OCTs to which Part Four of the EC Treaty applies, OJ L 210, 6.8.2013;

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).

- (5) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the partner country 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 323/2015, 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 the Annex to this Decision.
- (6) The authorising officer responsible should be able to award grants without call for proposals provided that the conditions for an exception to a call for proposals in accordance with Article 190 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, applicable by virtue of Article 37(1) of the Regulation (EU) No 323/2015 are fulfilled.
- (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 2(1) and Article 29(1) of Regulation (EU) No 323/2015.
- (8) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the European Development Fund Committee set up by Article 8 of the Internal Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the measure

The support measure in favour of the Commonwealth of Dominica to be financed from the 11th European Development Fund, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following action:

- Annex: Technical Cooperation Facility and Support Services to the National Authorising Officer – Dominica.

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the measure referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 1 200 000 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 entity identified in the attached Annex, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreement.

Done at Brussels, 7.3.2017

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission