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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 Decision C(2015) 9123 of 16 December 2015 on the individual measure in favour of the Republic of Namibia aims to contribute to a well-educated and skilled society in Namibia able to play an active role in the social and economic development of the country by improving cognitive, linguistic, social and emotional development of all children entering primary education.
- (2) Due to significant changes in both government leadership and responsibility for Early Child Development (ECD), a change in the method of implementation of the concerned action is necessary. The action will be now implemented in direct management through a direct award of grant.
- (3) It is necessary to adopt a financial decision the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 94 of 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 Union³, applicable in accordance with Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (4) It is necessary to adopt a work programme for grants in accordance with Article 128(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 188(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 37(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/323. The work programme is set out in the Annex.
- (5) The authorising officer responsible should be able to award grants without a call for proposals only in the exceptional cases set out in Article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 37(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/323.
- (6) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall within the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the EDF Committee is required.

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

³ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Decision C(2015) 9123 of 16.12.2015 on the individual measure in favour of the Republic of Namibia to be financed from the European Development Fund is modified as follows:

- (a) Article 3 is replaced by the following:

"Article 3

Methods of implementation

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 Annex to this Decision.

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals by the authorising officer responsible in accordance with Article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, applicable in accordance with Article 2(1) and Article 37(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/323."

- (b) The Annex to the Commission Decision C(2015) 9123 is replaced by the Annex to the present decision.

Done at Brussels, 11.12.2017

*For the Commission
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Member of the Commission*