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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union1, and in particular Article 124 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 215/2008 of 18 February 2008 on Financial Regulation applicable to the 10th European Development Fund2 (hereinafter referred to as ‘the 10th EDF Financial Regulation’) and in particular Article 104 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/20123 contain detailed rules regarding unit costs,

(2) Simplification is one of the key objectives of the Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement to be concluded by the Union and the European Investment Bank with the aim of harmonising, systematising and facilitating cooperation between the parties,

(3) Simpler funding rules reduce the administrative costs for participation in Union programmes and contribute to the prevention and reduction of financial errors. In this respect, the use of unit costs is necessary to simplify the calculation of grant amounts, to significantly decrease the workload of both the European Investment Bank and the Commission as well as to accelerate payment procedures,

(4) The use of unit costs should therefore be authorised for actions of technical assistance implemented by the European Investment Bank under the Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement,

(5) The guiding principles for advisory services approved by the European Investment Bank Board of Governors are based on the coverage of the associated costs for the provision of technical assistance services, without a profit margin. It is therefore appropriate to use the unit costs for grants as unit prices (fees) for service contracts,

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2 OJ L 78, 19.03.2008, p. 1
HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The use of grants for reimbursement of eligible costs declared by the European Investment Bank (EIB) on the basis of unit costs is authorised for the actions of technical assistance implemented through grant agreements concluded with the EIB under the Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement, for the reasons and under the conditions set out in the Annex.

Article 2

The unit costs set out in the Annex shall also serve as unit prices for the remuneration of technical assistance implemented through service contracts concluded with the EIB under the Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement.

Done at Brussels, 1.4.2014

For the Commission
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