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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 2015¹ on the implementation of the 11th European Development Fund and in particular Articles 6 and 9(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/323 of 2 March 2015^2 on the financial regulation applicable to the 11^{th} European Development Fund and in particular Article 26 thereof.

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision C(2015) 8423 adopted on 1 December 2015 provides for the funding of humanitarian actions in the Caribbean for drought response from the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) for a total amount of EUR 9 000 000. This amount was raised to EUR 12 000 000 by Decision C(2016) 2936 of 19 May 2016, amending Decision C(2015) 8423.
- (2) Considering that Hurricane Matthew made a landfall over the South Department of Haiti on 4 October 2016, as a category 4 Hurricane, causing widespread flooding and landslides, damage to housing and infrastructure, at least 546 deaths, with at least 2.1 million people affected and 1.4 million people in need of assistance according to data on 20 October 2016, adaptations of ongoing projects related to this decision need to be considered to ensure good programing.
- (3) An assessment of the humanitarian situation leads to the conclusion that the ongoing actions financed under this Decision in Haiti should be adapted taking into consideration Hurricane Matthew's impact on their operations, and also other possible weather related events having an impact on the operations.
- (4) It is therefore appropriate to amend Decision C(2015) 8423 to adapt the humanitarian response to the evolving humanitarian aid operational priorities.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the EDF Committee set up under Article 8 of the Internal Agreement³.

OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

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.)

(6) In view of the foregoing, Decision C(2015)8423 should be amended, HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Decision C(2015)8423 is amended as follows:

Article 1.2 is replaced by the following:

The humanitarian aid actions shall be implemented in order to mitigate the impact of El Niño and other weather related events on populations by ensuring coordinated and effective assistance through multi-sectoral support for those most impacted in the Caribbean region in order to cover their basic needs and strengthen resilience.

Done at Brussels, 15.12.2016

For the Commission Christos STYLIANIDES Member of the Commission