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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<sup>1</sup> on the implementation of the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund and in particular Articles 6 and 9(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/323 of 2 March 2015<sup>2</sup> on the financial regulation applicable to the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision C(2015)8455 adopted on 2 December 2015 provides for the funding of humanitarian actions in Cameroon, Chad and the Central African Republic from the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) for a total amount of EUR 20 000 000, in order to face the humanitarian consequences of the El Nino phenomenon in these countries, and establishes a period of implementation of up to 18 months for each action financed, starting on the date specified in the relevant agreement
- (2) Chad faces structural food insecurity compounded by the effects of man-made crises and by climate change. The country's vulnerability has been lately exacerbated by significant rainfall deficit linked to the El Nino phenomenon, which has resulted in crop losses, soaring food prices and a further erosion of the poorest households' resilience. The crop forecasts show a national decrease of 11% compared to last year for cereals.
- (3) In 2016, the Cadre Harmonisé, forecasts that in Chad the number of people in need of food assistance during the lean season will increase by nearly 60% compared to 2015. The lean season will start earlier than usual (i.e. before June) and will last longer. 12 departments will be in crisis phase, all of them in the Sahelian belt. A deterioration in the food consumption scores has already been observed in the regions that have experienced rainfall deficits caused by the El Nino phenomenon. Malnutrition rates are also on the rise compared to 2015, with a 50% increase in the caseload of acutely malnourished children.
- (4) It is therefore appropriate to increase the amount of Decision C(2015)8455 on financing humanitarian actions in Cameroon, Chad and the Central African Republic

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

from the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) by EUR 15 000 000 from the 11th European Development Fund (EDF), in order to step up the humanitarian assistance to the populations most severely affected by the El Nino phenomenon. This increase concerns Chad in particular.

- (5) An assessment of the humanitarian situation leads to the conclusion that the implementation period of the actions financed under this Decision should be extended by 6 months in order to expand the reach of ongoing actions and allow new response projects to be completed in due time.
- (6) 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 Agreement<sup>3</sup>.
- (7) In view of the foregoing, Decision C(2015)8455 should be amended,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Decision C(2015)8455 is amended as follows :

1. Article 1.1 is replaced by the following:  
A maximum amount of EUR 35 000 000 from the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund for the financing of humanitarian aid actions is approved.
2. Article 2.1 is replaced by the following:  
The period for the implementation of each action financed under this Decision shall start on the date specified in the relevant agreement and may last up to 24 months.

Done at Brussels, 19.5.2016

*For the Commission*  
*Christos STYLIANIDES*  
*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>3</sup> 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.)