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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) 8453 adopted on 2 December 2015 provides for the funding of humanitarian actions in Southern Africa from the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund (EDF) for a total amount of EUR 12 000 000.
- (2) El Niño-induced prolonged dry spells and the delayed on-set of 2015-16 rain season have compromised two consecutive agriculture seasons in Southern Africa.
- (3) Much of the rural population have lost their major sources of revenue and assets (livestock). Their purchasing power has been significantly compromised due to reduced income opportunities (remittances and casual labour) and increase of prices of food commodities.
- (4) FEWSNET<sup>3</sup> recently estimated that there are 4 million severely food insecure people in the region of whom about one million in Malawi and at least half a million in Zimbabwe, Madagascar and Mozambique. Food security will not improve until the next harvest (May 2017), assuming a good 2016-17 agriculture season.
- (5) Several countries declared a state of disaster/drought emergency (Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Swaziland).
- (6) On 15 March 2016, the SADC<sup>4</sup> Council of Ministers approved a declaration of a Regional Drought Disaster and issued a Statement of Appeal for Assistance for 28 million food insecure people in the SADC countries. About 11 million food insecure people live in the countries targeted by this decision (Angola, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zimbabwe).

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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.

<sup>3</sup> Famine Early Warning Systems Network.

<sup>4</sup> Southern Africa Development Community.

- (7) It is therefore appropriate to increase the amount of Decision C(2015) 8453 to mitigate food insecurity of the most vulnerable populations in Southern Africa by EUR 40 000 000 from the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund (EDF).
- (8) 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>5</sup>.
- (9) In view of the foregoing, Decision C(2015) 8453 should be amended,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Decision C(2015) 8453 is amended as follows:

1. Article 1.1 is replaced by the following:

"A maximum amount of EUR 52 000 000 from the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund for the financing of humanitarian aid actions in Southern Africa is approved."

Article 1.2 is replaced by the following:

"The humanitarian aid actions financed under this Decision shall be implemented in order to alleviate suffering of approximately 11 million food insecure people in Southern Africa by ensuring coordinated and effective humanitarian assistance to the most food insecure population."

Done at Brussels, 19.5.2016

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

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<sup>5</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.)