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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

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 Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the Pan-African Programme for the period 2014-2017<sup>3</sup>, which provides for the following priorities: (1) Peace and Security; (2) Democracy, Good Governance and Human Rights; (3) Human Development; (4) Sustainable and inclusive development and growth and continental integration; (5) Global and cross-cutting issues.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme to be financed under the Development Cooperation Instrument<sup>4</sup> with regard to the African continent are to: (i) increase the availability of high-level professional manpower in Africa by supporting the intra-African mobility of students and staff and improving the quality of higher education; (ii) support transformation of the African livestock sector for enhanced contribution to environmentally sustainable, climate resilient socio-economic development, and equitable growth.
- (3) Action entitled "Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme" has the objective to increase the availability of high-level professional manpower in Africa, by facilitating the intra-African mobility of students and staff and improving the quality of higher education through the promotion of internationalisation. This action may be implemented in direct management by the Education, Audio-visual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) of the European Commission, in accordance with Decision (2013/776/EU), through a call for proposals and procurement of services.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> Commission Implementing Decision C(2014)5375 of 30.7.2014 final of adopting a Multiannual Indicative Programme for the Pan-African programme for the period 2014-2017.

<sup>4</sup> Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44).

- (4) Action entitled "LIVE2AFRICA: PanAfrican Support to the AU-IBAR for a Sustainable Development of Livestock for Livelihoods in Africa" has the objective to strengthen systemic capacity of continental, regional and national Livestock Sector stakeholders for the economically, environmentally and socially sustainable transformation of the livestock sector. This action may be implemented in indirect management through a delegation agreement with the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR).
- (5) It is necessary to adopt a financing decision the detailed rules on which are set out in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.<sup>5</sup>
- (6) It is necessary to adopt a work programme for grants the detailed rules on which are set out in Article 128(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and in Article 188(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012. The work programme is set out in Annex 1 (section 5.4.1).
- (7) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the entity specified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a delegation agreement. In accordance with Article 60(1) and (2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, the authorising officer responsible needs to ensure that this entity guarantees a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union equivalent to that required when the Commission manages Union funds. This entity complies with the conditions of points (a) to (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 60(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and the supervisory and support measures are in place as necessary.
- (8) It is necessary to allow the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (9) Pursuant to Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, the Commission should define changes to this Decision which are not substantial in order to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer responsible.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the committee set up in Article 19 of Regulation (EU) No 233/2014.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

##### **Adoption of the measure**

The Annual Action Programme 2016 for the Pan-African Programme to be financed from the general budget of the European Union, as set out in the Annexes is approved.

The programme shall include the following actions:

- Annex 1: Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme II
- Annex 2: LIVE2AFRICA – Pan-African Support to the AU-IBAR for a Sustainable Development of Livestock for Livelihoods in Africa

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<sup>5</sup> 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 Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

## *Article 2*

### **Financial contribution**

The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the programme referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 29 000 000 and shall be financed from budget line 21 02 09 of the general budget of the European Union for 2016.

The financial contribution provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

## *Article 3*

### **Implementation modalities**

Budget-implementation tasks under indirect management may be entrusted to the entity identified in Annex 2, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreement.

The elements required by Article 94(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 are set out in the Annexes.

## *Article 4*

### **Non-substantial changes**

Increases or decreases of up to 10 000 000 not exceeding 20% of the contribution set by the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20% of that contribution, as well as extensions of the implementation period shall not be considered substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

The authorising officer responsible may adopt such non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 19.7.2016

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*