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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) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

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 of the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action<sup>2</sup> and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2019)8732 of 28.11.2019, the Commission adopted the Annual Action Programme for Albania for the year 2019 including two actions: 'EU for circular economy and green growth' and 'EU for social inclusion'.
- (2) It is necessary to reinforce the response of the government of Albania to the current COVID-19 pandemic with a view to alleviating its consequences on the most vulnerable categories of Albania's population. Accordingly, the action on "EU for Circular Economy and Green Growth" is cancelled and the budget is reallocated to the action "EU for Social Inclusion" in order to support social protection and employment sectors. The EU contribution remains unchanged.
- (3) Therefore, Commission Implementing Decision C(2019)8732 of 28.11.2019, should be amended accordingly.
- (4) The envisaged assistance is deemed to follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU<sup>3</sup>.
- (5) This amendment is in accordance with the opinion of the IPA II Committee set up by Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014.
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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 95.

<sup>3</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu) Please note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Commission Implementing Decision C(2019) 8732 of 28.11.2019 adopting an Annual Action Programme for Albania for the year 2019 is amended as follows:

The Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 4.9.2020

*For the Commission,  
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Member of the Commission*