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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 action¹ 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 1605/2002² and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission implementing Decision C(2016) 2453 of 19 April 2016 has adopted a Special Measure on migrants returned to Turkey, to be financed from the general budget of the European Union.
- (2) The EU and Turkey are determined to confront and surmount the migration challenges in a concerted manner. The European Council of 15 October 2015 agreed to step up the EU political and financial engagement to support Turkey in hosting more than 2.9 million refugees. In response, the Commission has established the Facility for Refugees in Turkey coordinating a mobilised amount of EUR 3 billion.³
- (3) Turkey needs additional support to address the increased levels of irregular migration so as to further support the implementation of the EU – Turkey Statement of 18 March 2016.
- (4) To this extent, the Special Measure requires two modifications. First, in an effort to increase take-up the scope of the Measure should be widened in order to help the Turkish authorities strengthen their capacities to manage, receive and host migrants, and in particular migrants returned to Turkey from EU Member States territory. Second, the Measure's implementation period should be increased by two years.
- (5) It is necessary to adopt a financing decision, the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.⁴

¹ OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 95.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p.1.

³ Commission decision C(2015)9500, as amended by Commission Decision(2016)855final.

⁴ 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).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annex to the Commission Implementing Decision C(2016) 2435 final of 19 April 2016 is hereby replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 20.7.2017

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission