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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

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 966/2012¹, 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 for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action², and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the annual action programme in favour of the Republic of Armenia for 2020 (Part 2), it is necessary to adopt an annual financing Decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2020. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is deemed to follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU³.
- (3) The Commission has adopted the Single Support Framework in favour of the Republic of Armenia⁴ for the period 2017-2020, which sets out the following priorities: economic development and market opportunities; strengthening institutions and good governance; connectivity, energy efficiency, environment and climate change; mobility and people-to-people contacts as well as complementary support for capacity development/institution building and strategic communication and for civil society development.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.

³ 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.

⁴ Decision C(2017)7838 of 28/11/2017.

- (4) The objective pursued by the annual action programme to be financed under the European Neighbourhood Instrument⁵ is to support economic and financial resilience of the state's institutions in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- (5) The action entitled 'COVID-19 Resilience Contract for Armenia' aims to help minimise the fiscal gap, enhance government's capacity to address short-term needs in the health sector and mitigate socio/economic impact in a strategic coordinated way, as well as ensure a continuity of quality service delivery to the most vulnerable members of society.
- (6) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (7) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the programme, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (8) The actions provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European Neighbourhood Instrument Committee established under Article 15 of the financing instrument referred to in recital 4.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The programme

The annual action programme in favour of the Republic of Armenia for 2020 (Part 2), as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The programme shall include the following action:

- (a) Annex: 'COVID-19 Resilience Contract for Armenia';

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2020 is set at EUR 30 million, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) Budget line 22 04 02 02: EUR 5 000 000;
- (b) Budget line 22 04 03 03: EUR 25 000 000;

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

⁵ Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 27).

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Increases⁶ or decreases of up to EUR 10 million not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in 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 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where these changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph acting in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 9.7.2020

For the Commission
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission

⁶These changes can come from external assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing Decision.