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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 966/2012¹, 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 of the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action² and in particular Article 3(3) for support measures thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the Support measure for the Audit and Evaluation Programme for the year 2019, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2019. 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) Regulation (EU) No 231/2014⁴ lays down the objectives and main principles for pre-accession assistance to beneficiaries listed in Annex I to that Regulation.
- (4) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 the assistance should be implemented through annual or multi-annual, country-specific or multi-country programmes. These programmes should be drawn up in accordance with the framework for assistance referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 and the relevant country or multi-country indicative strategy papers referred to in Article 6 of that Regulation.
- (5) The Council established an Accession Partnership or a European Partnership for all beneficiaries listed in Annex I of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014. The Commission

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 Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 11).

adopted a multi-country indicative strategy paper for 2014 – 2020 on 30 June 2014 which provides indicative allocations for the priorities for multi-country pre-accession assistance⁵.

- (6) Considering the proposals for action submitted by the beneficiaries concerned, the support measure - audit and evaluation programme for 2019 aims at providing assistance for audit and verification actions.
- (7) 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.
- (8) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the measure, 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.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision do not fall in the categories of measures for which the opinion of the Committee set up by Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 is required. The IPA II Committee should be informed of this Decision within one month following its adoption,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

⁵ C(2014) 4293, 30.6.2014.

Article 1

The measure

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the Support Measure for the Audit and Evaluation Programme for the year 2019 under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the support measure referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 1,500,000.00 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union:

EUR 1,500,000.00 from the budget line 22.02.04.01

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

Article 3

Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases not exceeding 20% of the initial contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 and which do not cause the total contribution to exceed EUR 10 million, 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, 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, 27.6.2019

For the Commission

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