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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 2 (1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2019)8734 of 28.11.2019, the Commission adopted the Annual Action Programme in favour of the Republic of Armenia for 2019 to be financed from the general budget of the European Union including three actions.
- (2) It is now necessary to modify the action "CEPA Reform Facility", Annex 1, by updating the specific objectives and the thereto corresponding activities as well as revising the implementation modalities. This is done due to the COVID-19 crisis in Armenia as the initially planned funds in support of the reforms in the areas of police, human rights and migration have been repurposed towards the new COVID-19 Resilience Contract (budget support). In order not to delay these important reforms, the Government of Armenia would like to address them under the CEPA Reform Facility and submitted a request for modification to the Financing Agreement. The modifications, when approved, will provide more flexibility to the CEPA Reform Facility to jointly address these and other reforms with a broader range of implementation modalities.
- (3) These changes also require the reallocation of funds between actions outside the scope of the flexibility clause.
- (4) Therefore, Decision C(2019)8734 should be amended accordingly.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 95.

- (5) The envisaged assistance is deemed to follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU³.
- (6) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall into the categories of measures for which the opinion of the ENI Committee set up by Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 is required. The measure shall be communicated to the European Parliament and to the Member States through the ENI Committee within one month of its adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Implementing Decision C(2019)8734 of 28.11.2019 is amended as follows:

The Annex 1 is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 28.2.2021

For the Commission
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission

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.