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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 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II)², and in particular Article 7(1) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III)³, and in particular Article 19(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) With Decision C(2015) 8773 final, the Commission adopted the Annual Action Programme for Turkey under the Instrument for Preaccession assistance (IPA II) for the year 2015 (“the Programme”).
- (2) Following the devastating earthquakes of February 2023, the Union committed to mobilise funds in support of the peoples of Türkiye and contribute to the socio-economic recovery of the affected regions. Upon the acknowledgment of the crisis situation in Türkiye, it was deemed necessary to reallocate multi-donor unused funds of EUR 27 323 270.70 under objective 1 and EUR 1 164 048.02 under objective 2, in order to provide support to the most vulnerable segments of society in the earthquake-affected areas and mitigate the social and economic impact on the population.
- (3) With the reallocation of unused funds, the following new actions should be introduced in the Action Programme as set out in the Annex: ‘4b - Supporting Women and Children to Eliminate the Effects of the Earthquake’ and ‘8b - FARMERS: Facilitating Agricultural Recovery & Mitigating Earthquake Repercussions for Sustainability’ for providing assistance to the IPA II beneficiary in the aftermath of the earthquake in Türkiye.
- (4) ‘Turkey’ shall now read ‘Türkiye⁴’.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1046/oj>.

² OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p.11.

³ OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p.1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1529/oj>.

- (5) Therefore, Decision C(2015) 8773 final should be amended accordingly.
- (6) The proposed assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU⁵.
- (7) The amendment is in accordance with the opinion of the IPA III Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 8773 final is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 14.12.2023

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁴ Council of the European Union, 12609/1/22 REV 1, Brussels 29 September 2022, Note verbale of the Republic of Türkiye requesting the use of the new official name in English

⁵ 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.