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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

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**amending Commission Implementing Decision C(2018)8189 of date 05.12.2018 on the
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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 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) and in particular Article 19 thereof

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Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2018)8189 of 05.12.2018, the Commission adopted an Annual Action Programme for Montenegro for the year 2018 including five actions. A substantial amendment to the Decision was adopted on 13.11.2020 – C(2020)7701.
- (2) The EU contribution does not change. It is however necessary to modify the action EU for improving access to justice and fundamental rights and, to this purpose, ensure the viability of the infrastructure component of Action 3 Support to the Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights sector by increasing the national co-funding allocation. It is also needed to allow for implementation through indirect management and explicitly mention the International Organisations identified as entrusted entities for Results 2 – Unique Information System for Judiciary and Result 4 - Improved capacities of the key stakeholders in the area of protection of human and minorities' rights. A re-allocation of funds within Action 3 is also the subject of this amendment.
- (3) Therefore, Decision C(2018)8189, amended by Decision C(2020)7701, should be amended accordingly.
- (4) The envisaged assistance is deemed to follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU².

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p.1.

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.

- (5) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall into the categories of measures for which the opinion of the Committee established pursuant to Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1529 is required. The measure shall be communicated to the European Parliament and to the Member States through the IPA III Committee within one month of its adoption

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Implementing Decision C(2020)7701 of date 13.11.2020 is amended as follows:

The Annex containing the Annual Work Programme is replaced by a new Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 28.7.2022

For the Commission

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