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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

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 action¹, and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

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 966/2012², and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2016)8474 of 13.12.2016, the Commission adopted the Annual Action Programme for Turkey for the year 2016.
- (2) It is now necessary to introduce in the Programme two new Actions and a new activity under the Action entitled "Home Affairs".
- (3) The first new Action (Action 8) entitled "Evaluation of 2014, 2015 and 2016 Turkey Annual Programmes" aims at providing an objective assessment of the results and achievements of the implementation of specific Actions in sectors supported within the framework of the IPA II instrument³ in Turkey.
- (4) The second new Action (Action 9) entitled "Strengthening of an integrated strategic approach to increase the efficiency and productivity of IPA funds during the third period (2021-2027)" aims at providing support to the Turkish institutions for the programming under the third period of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance.
- (5) A new activity is introduced under the Action "Home Affairs" (Action 6) entitled "Demining and Increasing the Border Surveillance Capacity at the Eastern Borders of Turkey-Phase 3" which aims at contributing to the prevention of irregular migration and all types of cross-border crimes at Turkey's Eastern Borders in line with EU's Integrated Border Management policies and strategies. With this activity, landmines in

¹ OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 95.

² OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

³ 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).

the Eastern Border regions of Turkey will be cleared and institutional capacity of Ministry of Defence Turkish Mine Action Centre (TURMAC) on coordination of mine action will be strengthened.

- (6) Previously programmed activities under the Action "Home Affairs" have been cancelled and an amount of EUR 21 995 000 has become available for financing the two new Actions. Therefore, the budget allocation will be modified in order to take into account the above modifications, while the total EU contribution to the Annual Action Programme remains unchanged.
- (7) Therefore, the Commission Decision C(2016)8474 should be amended accordingly.
- (8) This amendment is in accordance with the opinion of the IPA II Committee set up by Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Implementing Decision C(2016)8474 of 13.12.2016 on the Annual Action Programme for Turkey for the year 2016 is amended as follows:

- the Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 29.11.2019

For the Commission
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