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## amending Commission Implementing Decision C(2020)592 of 17.2.2020 on the Annual Action Programme for the Republic of North Macedonia for the year 2020

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 action<sup>1</sup> 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 966/2012<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2020)592 of 17.2.2020, the Commission adopted the Annual Action Programme for the Republic of North Macedonia for the year 2020.
- (2) In accordance with Article 14 of 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)<sup>3</sup>, the Commission, in its efforts to recognise the achievements in fundamental sector reforms and policy dialogue achieved by the beneficiary country and further enhance the progress in key sectors, estimates that it is necessary to provide the country with additional funds as a performance award.
- (3) In response of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission deems necessary to support the efforts of the country to mitigate the health risks and to decrease the negative socio-economic impact of the pandemic.
- (4) Therefore, it is necessary to add to the programme the following two new actions: “EU Integration Facility” and “EU for Social and Economic Resilience”. To this purpose, it is also necessary to increase the budget of the Programme by EUR 50 million.
- (5) Therefore, Decision C(2020)592 of 17.2.2020 should be amended accordingly.
- (6) This amendment is in accordance with the opinion of the IPA II Committee set up by Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 95.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Commission Implementing Decision C(2020) 592 of 17.2.2020 on the Annual Action Programme for the Republic of North Macedonia for the year 2020 is amended as follows:

The Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

In addition, Article 2, first paragraph, is replaced by the following :

“The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 86 600 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union for 2020:

EUR 46 600 000 from the budget line 22.02 01 01;

EUR 40 000 000 from the budget line 22.02 01 02.”

Done at Brussels, 28.7.2020

*For the Commission*  
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