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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) N° 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument for the period 2014-2020¹, and in particular Article 7 paragraph 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) N° 232/2014 provides for Union assistance to be implemented through bilateral programmes, multi-country programmes and cross-border cooperation programmes.
- (2) In accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) N° 232/2014, the Union and the Member States shall coordinate their respective support programmes with the aim of increasing effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of support and policy dialogue and preventing overlap of funding, in line with the established principles for strengthening operational coordination in the field of external support and for harmonising policies and procedures.
- (3) In accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EU) N° 232/2014, the key point of reference for setting the priorites for Union support in Regional South are action plans or equivalent jointly agreed documents, except for the cases set out therein.
- (4) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EU) N° 232/2014, the Multiannual Indicative Programme shall set out the objectives and priorities for Union support, indicate expected results and set out the indicative level of funding expressed in the form of a range and broken down by priority.
- (5) In accordance to Article 9, paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Council Decision (EU) 427/2010 of 26 July 2010 establishing the organisation and functioning of the European External Action Service (EEAS), the national and regional indicative programmes are prepared jointly by the relevant services in the EEAS and in the Commission under the responsibility of the Commissioner responsible for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations and are submitted jointly with the High Representative for adoption by the Commission.
- (6) The Multiannual Indicative Programme 2018-2020 for EU support in Regional South should be adopted by the Commission.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the committee established by Article 15 of Regulation (EU) N° 232/2014,

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HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Multiannual Indicative Programme 2018-2020 for EU support in Regional South is hereby adopted. The Multiannual Indicative Programme is contained in the annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 5.10.2018

For the Commission Johannes HAHN Member of the Commission

> CERTIFIED COPY For the Secretary-General,

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION