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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 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action² and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The special measure on education under the Facility for Refugees in Turkey was adopted on 24 July 2018 by Commission Implementing Decision C(2018) 4960 final³.
- (2) The special measure should be modified following the finalisation of the updated needs assessment. It is necessary to add a second action ('Action 2') to increase Union support for the construction of additional schools. The overall budget of Action 2 should be EUR 100 million.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 4(7) of Regulation (EU) 236/2014, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of Action 2.
- (4) The European Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (5) To this end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (6) No modifications to Action 1 are required.
- (7) The maximum amount of the Union contribution should be increased to EUR 500 million.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 95.

³ Commission Implementing Decision of 24.7.2018 on the adoption of a special measure on education under the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (C(2018) 4960 final).

- (8) Commission Implementing Decision C(2018) 4960 final should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (9) This amendment is in accordance with the opinion of the IPA II Committee set up by Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014⁴.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Implementing Decision C(2018) 4960 final is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

'Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum amount of the European Union contribution for the implementation of the special measure referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 500 000 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union
22.02.03.02.'

- (2) Article 3 is replaced by the following:

'Article 3

Methods of implementation and entrusted entities

Action 1 will be implemented by direct management. Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the Ministry of National Education of Turkey, in accordance with the conditions specified in the Annex.

Action 2 will be implemented by indirect management, as set out in the Annex. Implementation may be entrusted to the entities to be selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in the Annex.'

- (3) The Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 11.12.2018

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁴ 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) (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11).