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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 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, 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 of the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action<sup>2</sup> and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2018)8189 of 5.12.2018, the Commission adopted an Annual Action Programme for Montenegro for the year 2018 including five actions.
- (2) It is now necessary to enhance the support to strengthening Montenegro's health system to readily and efficiently respond to a possible new COVID-19 outbreak and to prepare the country's response to potentially emerging and high threat pathogens. Accordingly, a new set of activities is designed within the Action 5 - 'EU for strengthening the quality and access of health and social services'. Therefore, Action 4 - 'EU for improving agriculture for consumers and farmers' is cancelled and the corresponding budget is reallocated to Action 5 entitled 'EU for strengthening the quality and access of health and social services and building a resilient and responsive health system towards epidemiological threats'.
- (3) The Commission should authorise the eligibility of costs as of a date preceding that of submission of a grant application, which is prior to the date of adoption of this Decision, for reasons of extreme urgency in crisis management aid or in other exceptional and duly substantiated emergencies, whereby an early engagement by the Union would be of major importance.
- (4) The envisaged assistance is deemed to follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU<sup>3</sup>.

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 95.

<sup>3</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://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) Therefore, Decision C(2018)8189 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.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Commission Implementing Decision C(2018)8189 of 5.12.2018 adopting an Annual Action programme for Montenegro for the year 2018 is amended as follows:

In Article 5, the following paragraph is added:

“The eligibility of costs prior to the submission of grant applications and which is prior to the date of adoption of this Decision shall be authorised as of the date[s] set out in the Annex”.

The Annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2018)8189 is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 13.11.2020

*For the Commission*  
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