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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 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II)¹ and in particular Article 6(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 creates a framework for planning and delivering external assistance to the beneficiaries listed in its Annex I.
- (2) Article 6(1) of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 requires that the assistance shall be provided on the basis of country or multi-country indicative strategy papers established for the period 2014-2020, by the Commission in partnership with the beneficiaries listed in its Annex I.
- (3) Montenegro is listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 231/2014.
- (4) Article 6(2) of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 provides that the strategy papers shall define the priorities for action towards meeting the objectives in the relevant policy areas referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 which shall be supported in line with the general and specific objectives referred to in Articles 1 and 2 respectively of that regulation and shall take relevant national strategies into account.
- (5) The strategy papers shall be adopted in accordance with the framework for assistance set out in Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014.
- (6) It is therefore necessary to establish an Indicative Strategy Paper for Montenegro for the period 2014-2020.
- (7) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA II Committee referred to in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 231/2014,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

¹ OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11.

Sole Article

The Indicative Strategy Paper for Montenegro for the period 2014-2020 attached to the present Decision is hereby adopted.

Done at Brussels, 18.8.2014

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

