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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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


Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, and in order to ensure implementation of the European statistical programme 2013-17 established by Regulation (EU) No 99/2013, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the annual statistical work programme for 2017. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.

(2) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

(3) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to define the term ‘substantial change’ within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

(4) Under Article 190(1)(d) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies identified by a basic act as beneficiaries of a grant. As stated in Article 5(3) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, the national statistical institutes and the other national authorities included in the list referred to in Article 5(2) of that Regulation may receive grants without a call for proposals.

(5) Under Article 190(1)(f) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals for actions with specific characteristics that

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require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high
degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions
concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.

(6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the
European Statistical System Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual work programme for 2017 for the implementation of the European statistical
programme 2013-17, as set out in Annexes 1, 2 and 3, is adopted.

The annual work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2017 is set at
EUR 64 500 400, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines
of the general budget of the Union for 2017:

(a) budget line 29.0201: EUR 57 960 000;
(b) appropriations corresponding to EFTA and Swiss contributions: EUR 6 540 400.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late
payment.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum
contribution authorised by this Decision for each budgetary line shall not be considered to be
substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012,
where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of
the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this
Decision shall not exceed 20%.

In implementing this Decision, the authorising officer responsible may apply the type of
changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial
management and proportionality.
Article 4
Grants
Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies referred to in Annex 2.B, in accordance with the conditions set out therein.

For the Commission
Member of the Commission