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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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


Having regard to Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism, and in particular Article 25(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Union Civil Protection Mechanism established by Decision No 1313/2013/EU, aims to strengthen cooperation between the Union and Member States and facilitate coordination in the field of civil protection in order to improve the effectiveness of systems for preventing, preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters.


(3) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/570 sets out the composition of rescEU capacities. Among other capacities, the stockpiling of medical countermeasures and personal protective equipment was included in the rescEU reserve.

(4) In the context of the COVID-19 crisis, the stockpiling of personal protective equipment, intensive care medical equipment and laboratory supplies have become an urgent need for Member States in order to minimise potential shortages and to facilitate a continuous access thereof to healthcare settings.

(5) In order to ensure an effective and efficient response to the COVID-19 crisis and prevent further deterioration, it is necessary to increase the amounts provided for the Union Civil Protection Mechanism’s annual work programme for 2020.

(6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Civil Protection Committee established by Article 33 of Decision No 1313/2013/EU,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

_**Sole Article**_

Commission Implementing Decision C(2019)8159 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

_**Article 2**_

**Union contribution**

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2020 is set at EUR 502 726 695⁴, and shall be financed from contributions from other donors to the general budget of the Union and from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

(a) budget line 23 03 01 01 - Disaster prevention and preparedness within the Union : EUR 496 094 753;

(b) budget line 23 03 01 02 - Disaster prevention and preparedness in third countries: EUR 6 631 941.

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

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the Draft Amending Budgets (DABs) No 1⁵ and No 2 for the year 2020 following their adoption by the budgetary authority.’

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

Done at Brussels, 8.4.2020

For the Commission

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⁴ The contribution from Participating States (other than EEA/EFTA countries), which is calculated on the basis of a formula dependent on their GDP of the current year, is a best estimate taking into account the latest figures available (last year). Minor modifications might be possible once the exact contribution for the year of implementation is calculated.